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OF THE

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To Her ROYAL HIGHNESS the

PRINCESS OF *ORANGE.*

MADAM,

WHEN I firſt reſolved a Third *Review* of theſe *rude Collections*, I was eaſily perſuaded by my Friends to addreſs to them Your HIGHNESS, not out of Deſign to beg Your *Shelter* and *Protection* of them from the *ill Uſages* of a *cenſorious* and *inhoſpitable* World; nor out of an *over-weening Deſire* of *raiſing* an *Obeliſk* to my otherwiſe *periſhing* and *private Memory*, tho' I know that Your *Authority* will keep them in Breath long after the *Author* ſhall have expired his; nor out of an *innocent Ambition* to proclaim my *Obligations* to Your

HIGHNESS, which are more and greater than can be *crowded into* an *Epiſtle:* Theſe, indeed, are the *uſual Pretences of Dedications:* But my Aim is higher, and directed to a more *important End*, by telling the World how *good*, how *religious* You are, to encourage You to be more ſo. And yet, in *attempting* this, I may ſeem *impertinent*; becauſe You are become Your own *Theatre:* Every *Scene of your Life* is ſo generally known, (whilſt the World is a Spectator to *applaud* and *admire* You,) that it were even an *unpardonable Arrogance* in a Man of my *Mediocrity*, either to think of adding any Thing to Your HIGHNESS's *Luſtre*, or to believe I need open my *Reader's Eyes.* The *Gravity* and *Sweetneſs* of Your *Mien*; the *Affability* of all Your *Comportments*; the *Virtue*, *Innocence*, and *Goodneſs* of Your *Life*; Your *reſolved Conſtancy* in adhering to the *Religion* of our *Church*; Your *frequent* and *devout Retirements* into Your *Cloſet*; Your *unwearied Attendance* at Your *Chapel* and *Altar*, are ſufficiently obvious, that the bare *Know-*

ledge

ledge of Your HIGHNESS hath been enough to render You beloved; which yet one cannot but do with a moſt *profound Reſpect*. And, *Madam*, You have often encouraged me to tell You, that theſe *Endowments* will ever more import and help You, than any *external* or *worldly* ones, wherewith too You are abundantly provided. The *Celſitude* of Your *Deſcent*, that enrolls Your Name in the Catalogue of the *Great*, is ſecular and tranſitory, calculated for this World; but it is Your *Grace* and *Virtue* that writes it in the *Book of Life*. *Beauty* is fading, *Grandeur* is fugitive, the *Wreaths of Civil Honour* are withering; but Your *Godlineſs* is a *Crown* that ſhall not fade away, glorioufly ſet off with a *diffuſive Charity*, a great *Humility*, and an *exemplary Devotion*; to the Improvement of which Your HIGHNESS hath made me proud to ſay that theſe *Devotionals* have not a little contributed. As to the *Meditations* ſubſequent to them, they were written by a *Reverend Perſon of this Church*, a true *Lover of Souls*, (as ſome eminent Perſons about this

Court have abundantly experienced,) and You have profeſſed yourſelf *delighted* with them, and *benefitted* by them. God Almighty make them all effectual to the *Furtherance* of Your ſpiritual *Good*, and eternal *Bleſſedneſs*. And may that good GOD ſtill multiply upon You his *Bleſſings*; may Your Soul be ſtill precious in his *Sight*, as the *Apple of his Eye*, as the *Signet* upon his *Right Hand*; may he preſerve You ſtedfaſt and unmovable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, in the conſtant Exerciſes of Your Holy Religion, (wherein you have been happily educated,) amidſt all the gaudy Divertiſements of this vain tranſitory World! Which is the no leſs hearty than dutiful Prayer of,

Madam,

Your HIGHNESS's *moſt Humble,*

Moſt Devoted, and moſt Faithful

Servant and Chaplain,

St. James's,
June 3. 1677.

E. LAKE.

TO THE
READER.

GOOD READER,

THIS little Manual *of Directions and Prayers for the* Holy Communion, *first designed for a private Use, now shews itself in Publick, on Presumption it may help thee in thy* Closet-Retirements, *towards a pious Preparation thereto, and a worthy Reception thereof.*

I will not be tedious in prefacing it; only I cannot say it is mine, but a Collection, and recommends itself to thee cloathed in the Language not of any private Conception, *(of such the World is already full enough,) but of* Primitive Liturgies, *of that of our Holy Church, and some of the most devout Fathers of it, Bishop* Andrews, *Bishop* Cosins, *and that great and good Man Archbishop* LAUD, *who lived a* Patron *of it, and died a* Martyr *for it.*

The Collector is not so curious or solicitous to think how it may go down with a Sort of People, *whose* unweildly Zeal *hath transported them, under a Pretence of spewing out* Popery, *to disrelish and traduce any Thing that is* Primitive: *But the sober and devout Christian, who lives in the* Communion *of* this Church, *he is secure of. And that it may further thee in the Attainment of our* Common Salvation, *is his sincere and hearty Desire.*

N. B. The Pious READER may be pleas'd to take Notice, That the small Print throughout this *Manual*, consists only of *Directions* and *Instructions*, how we may profitably use this Service, without any Mixture of Devotions contained in that smaller Letter.

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Preparatory OFFICE

FOR THE

HOLY COMMUNION.

THE neareſt and moſt ſolemn Intimacy and *Communion* we have with GOD in the World, is exhibited to us in the bleſſed *Euchariſt*; that is to ſay, the *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:* Wherein (according to our Church Catechiſm) the *Body and Blood of Chriſt are verily and indeed taken and received by the Faithful*; and hence it is called by St. *Paul*, 1 *Cor.* x. 16. the *Communion* of his *Body*, and the *Communion* of his *Blood*; ſo that, by a due and worthy Participation hereof, we are really *incorporated* into Chriſt; we dwell in Chriſt, and Chriſt in us; we are made one with Chriſt, and Chriſt with us: In regard of which invaluable Privilege, as well as the great Dangers which threaten unworthy Addreſſers thereunto, now eſpecially, we ſhould enter into, and take heed to ourſelves, being careful to perform all *Devotional Acts of Worſhip* and *Piety*, which may conduce to a good and acceptable Celebration of ſo divine a Myſtery: St. *Paul* hath comprehended them all under one Word and Duty of *Examination*, 1 *Cor.* xi. 28. which includes more than we can readily conceive. I ſhall not inſiſt

upon thoſe Graces of *Faith*, *Repentance*, and *Charity*, about which we ſhould be chiefly converſant; but do immediately proceed to thoſe *Preparatory Acts of Devotion*, which ſhould be exerciſed in order to a due Reception of this bleſſed Sacrament.

I begin then, as you ſhould in this, and in all other Duties of Religion, IN THE NAME OF GOD; and exhort you, that having received *Notice* from *GOD's Prieſt* of a *Communion* to be celebrated *the next Sunday*, you forthwith ſet yourſelf to this great Work, of fitting yourſelf for a right Participation thereof. Whatever you do, let *this* be ever and anon *uppermoſt* in your Thoughts that *whole Week*, reflecting on your Spiritual Eſtate, and eſpecially on that *Time* which GOD hath lent you from your *laſt Reception*; what Graces you have improved, what Duties omitted, what Sins committed; out of a hearty Reſentment of which, breathe forth ſometimes theſe, or the like pious Ejaculations:

I Have ſinned; what ſhall I do unto thee, O thou *Preſerver of Man!* Lord, I am not worthy to come under thy Roof; but ſpeak the Word only, and thy Servant ſhall be healed.

Adding theſe *two Collects* to your private Devotions, both *Morning* and *Evening* that whole *Week*.

ALmighty GOD, who, of thy tender Mercy, didſt give thine only Son *Jeſus Chriſt* to ſuffer Death upon the Croſs for our *Redemption*, and didſt *inſtitute*, and in thy holy Goſpel command

command us to continue a *perpetual Memory* of that his precious Death, until his Coming again: Hear me, moſt merciful Saviour, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, and make my *Groanings*, my *Deſires* after this *Holy Sacrament*, anſwerable to my Need of it. But, O Lord, how ſhall ſuch a Wretch as I dare to approach thy *Holy Table?* How ſhall I preſume to take the *Children's Bread*, who am as a vile Dog in thy Sight? I have often *trampled* thoſe precious Things *under Foot*, either *careleſly neglecting*, or *unworthily receiving* thoſe *Holy Myſteries*: O Lord, my horrible Guiltineſs makes me tremble to come, and yet it makes me not dare to ſtay away; for where ſhall this polluted Soul be waſhed, but in that Fountain opened for Sin, and for Uncleanneſs? Hither then I come: And thou haſt promiſed, that him that cometh to thee, *thou wilt in no wiſe caſt out*. Grant me, therefore, gracious Lord, *ſo to eat the Fleſh* of thy dear Son *Jeſus Chriſt*, and to *drink his Blood*, that my ſinful *Body* may be made clean by his *Body*, and my *Soul* waſhed through his moſt *precious Blood*. *Amen*.

I Will not preſume to come to thy *Table*, O merciful Lord, truſting in mine own Righteouſneſs, but in thy manifold and great Mercies, declared unto Mankind in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for whoſe Sake, give me, I pray thee, ſuch a *Preparation of Soul*, as may qua-

lify me for a worthy Approach thereunto: To this End, make me heartily ſenſible of my Sins and Unworthineſs: raiſe up my dull and earthly Mind from groveling here below, and inſpire it with a holy Zeal to ſeek thoſe Things that are above: Let that infinite Love of Chriſt, in dying for ſo wretched a Sinner, inflame my Soul, and kindle in me that ſacred Fire of Love to him again, and to all thoſe whom he hath given me Command and Example to love, *Enemies* as well as *Friends*; and that for his Sake: Cloathe me, O Lord, in the *Wedding Garment*; and make me, though of myſelf a moſt unworthy, yet, by thy Mercy, an acceptable Gueſt at thy *Table*; that I may not eat nor drink my own Damnation, but Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Having recommended yourſelf unto GOD, with theſe or the like Collects, in your *private Retirements*, I do earneſtly exhort you to frequent the *Publick Prayers of the Church*, (nothing but a charitable, or ſome very urgent Occaſion can, this Week, or, indeed, ſhould at *any Time* excuſe you;) and to attend them with all *poſſible Devotion:* Watch yourſelf now, *eſpecially* your Thoughts, Words, and Actions, that they be not wicked or vain; or, if at any Time they ſhould, that you forthwith recal and check yourſelf, ſaying, or thinking thus:

Lord, have Mercy upon me!
Chriſt, have Mercy upon me!
Lord, have Mercy upon me!

I SAID,

I SAID, I will take heed to my Ways, that I offend not with my Tongue. O GOD, who knoweſt us to be ſet in the Midſt of ſo many and great Dangers, that, by reaſon of the Frailty of our Nature, we cannot always ſtand upright; grant to me ſuch Strength and Protection, as may ſupport me in all Dangers, and carry me through all Temptations, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Set apart the Friday *of every ſuch Week, as a Day of Holy* Faſting *and* Abſtinence, *riſing earlier than uſually; if your Health will permit you, at* Five *of the Clock;* and being apparelled and ready, you may retire to your ordinary Morning Prayers.

I will not preſume to confine you to thoſe at the End of this Book, but do ſuppoſe you already fixed; however, peruſe them, and poſſibly they may ſuit your *Condition*; they will undoubtedly your *Devotion*. Subjoin to them, on every ſuch Faſting-Day, the two Collects for *Preparation to the Communion* above written; as alſo the cxxxth *Pſalm*.

1. OUT of the Deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, *hear my Voice.*

2. O let thine Ears conſider well the Voice of my Complaint.

3. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiſs: O Lord, *who may abide it?*

4. For there is Mercy with thee; therefore ſhalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord, my Soul doth wait for him: In his Word is my Truſt.

6. My

6. My Soul fleeth unto the Lord, before the Morning Watch; *I ſay, before the Morning Watch.*

7. O *Iſrael*, truſt in the Lord, for with the Lord there is Mercy; and with him is plenteous Redemption.

8. And he ſhall redeem *Iſrael* from all his Sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, World without End. Amen.

Ariſing from Prayer, you muſt preſently ſet yourſelf to *recollect your Life paſt*, eſpecially ſince you *laſt received*, by that *Catalogue of Sins* ſet down at the End of this Book, reading it conſiderately over; and at *every Particular* aſk your Soul, *Whether you are guilty of that Sin?* And commit to *Writing* thoſe Sins you diſcover yourſelf guilty of, with their reſpective Aggravations, *viz.* if they were committed *againſt Knowledge*, or on *mature Deliberation*, or *againſt the Reſiſtance of Conſcience*, &c.

I ſuppoſe this Duty of *Self-Examination*, moſt neceſſary to this great Work, diſpatch'd by *Nine of the Clock*; when taking the Paper in your Hand, humbly *proſtrating* yourſelf, ſay;

THE good Lord pardon every one that *prepareth* his Heart to ſeek GOD, the Lord GOD of his Fathers, though he be not *cleanſed* according to the *Purification of the Sanctuary.*

Then kneel and pray.

PSALM

PSALM VI.

1. O LORD, rebuke me not in thine Indignation; neither chaſten me in thy Diſpleaſure.

2. Have Mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my Bones are vexed.

3. My Soul alſo is ſore troubled; but, Lord, how long wilt thou puniſh me?

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my Soul: O ſave me for thy Mercies Sake.

5. For in Death no Man remembreth thee: And who will give thee Thanks in the Pit?

6. I am weary of my Groaning: Every Night waſh I my Bed, and water my Couch with my Tears.

7. My Beauty is gone for very Trouble, and worn away becauſe of all mine Enemies.

8. Away from me, all ye that work Vanity; for the Lord hath heard the Voice of my Weeping.

9. The Lord hath heard my Petition; the Lord will receive my Prayer.

10. All mine Enemies ſhall be confounded, and ſore vexed; they ſhall be turned back and put to Shame ſuddenly.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, World without End. Amen.

O GOD,

O GOD, to whom Vengeance belongeth, ſhew thyſelf, but let it be in Pity and Compaſſion to thy wretched and unworthy Servant, who in all Humility confeſs myſelf a wicked and ſinful Creature. I acknowledge thoſe Sins, which, if I would, I cannot hide from thee; my Sins of *Pride* and *Vain-Glory*; of *Hatred* and *Envy*; of *Gluttony* and *Wantonneſs:* I accuſe myſelf of my wicked *Deſires* and *Thoughts* which I have * *conceived*, of my *wanton* and *evil Words*, which I have * *ſpoken*, of my *naughty* and *ungodly Deeds* which I have * *committed*. I acknowledge and bewail theſe my manifold Sins and Wickedneſſes, which I from Time to Time moſt grievouſly have committed, by Thought, Word, and Deed, againſt thy divine Majeſty, provoking moſt juſtly thy Wrath and Indignation againſt me. I do earneſtly repent, and am heartily ſorry for theſe my Miſdoings; the Remembrance of them is grievous unto me; the Burthen of them is intolerable. Have Mercy upon me, have Mercy upon me, moſt merciful Father; for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's Sake, forgive me all that is paſt; and grant that I may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in Newneſs of Life, to the Honour and Glory of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

* *At theſe Marks have Recourſe to thoſe Sins noted in your Paper.*

FORGIVE

FORGIVE me my Sins, O Lord; forgive me the Sins of my *Age*, and the Sins of my *Youth*; the Sins of my *Soul*, and the Sins of my *Body*; my *ſecret*, and my *whiſpering* Sins; my *preſumptuous* and my *crying* Sins; the Sins that I have done to *pleaſe myſelf*, and the Sins that I have done to pleaſe *others*.

Forgive me my *wanton and idle Sins*; forgive me my *ſerious and deliberate Sins*; forgive me thoſe Sins which I *know*, and thoſe Sins which I *know not*; the Sins which I have laboured ſo long to *hide from others*, that now I have even *hid them from my own Memory:* Forgive me them, O Lord, forgive them all; of thy great Mercy, let me be *abſolved* from all my Offences; and of thy bountiful Goodneſs, let me be delivered from the Bands of thoſe Sins, which by my Frailty I have committed. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſt his Sake, our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Adding this ſhort Litany, and the following Prayers, which on any other *Friday*, or *Faſting-Day*, may be of Uſe to you; omitting only the Prayer for Preparation to the Sacrament.

O GOD, the Father of Heaven, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner!

O GOD the Son, Redeemer of the World, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner!

O GOD,

O GOD, the Holy Ghoſt, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner!

O holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinity, three Perſons and one GOD, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner!

Remember not, Lord, my Offences, nor the Offences of my Forefathers, neither take thou Vengeance of my Sins: Spare me, good Lord, ſpare thy Servant, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious Blood, and be not angry with me for ever.

Spare me, good Lord!

From all Evil and Miſchief, from Sin, from the Craſts and Aſſaults of the Devil, from thy Wrath, and from everlaſting Damnation,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From all Blindneſs of Heart; from Pride, Vain-Glory, and Hypocriſy; from Envy, Hatred, and Malice, and all Uncharitableneſs,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From Fornication, and all other deadly Sin; and from all the Deceits of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From, &c. Here repeat thoſe Sins of which you have found yourſelf guilty, and noted in your Paper.

Good Lord, deliver me!

From

From Hardneſs of Heart, from Contempt of thy Word and Commandments, and from any evil Thought which may aſſault and hurt my Soul,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From all Adverſities which may happen to the Body, from noiſome and infectious Diſeaſes, and from ſudden Death,

Good Lord, deliver me!

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by thy Croſs and Paſſion, by thy precious Death and Burial, and by thy victorious Deſcent into Hell,

Good Lord, deliver me!

By thy glorious Reſurrection and Aſcenſion, and by the wonderful Coming of the Holy Ghoſt,

Good Lord, deliver me!

In all Time of my Tribulation, in all Time of my Wealth, in the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment,

Good Lord, deliver me!

I, who am a moſt miſerable Sinner, do beſeech thee to hear me, O Lord GOD; to keep and ſtrengthen me in the true worſhipping of thee; and to give me Grace to ſerve thee

thee in Righteouſneſs and Holineſs all the Days of my Life;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to rule my Heart in thy Faith, Fear, and Love; and that I may evermore have Affiance in thee, and ever ſeek thy Honour and Glory;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to be my Defender and Keeper, giving me the Victory over the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to endue my Soul with Grace, Wiſdom, and Underſtanding;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me an Heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy Commandments;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me Increaſe of Grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure Affection, and to bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to ſtrengthen me when I ſtand; to comfort and help me when I

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am weak-hearted; to raiſe me up when I fall; and finally to beat down Satan under my Feet;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to ſuccour, help, and comfort me, when I am in Danger, Neceſſity, and Tribulation;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me, as at all Times, ſo now eſpecially, due Preparation of Mind, that I may worthily participate this Holy Sacrament;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

To this End, may it pleaſe thee to forgive mine Enemies, Perſecutors, and Slanderers, and to turn their Hearts;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me true Repentance; to forgive me all my Sins, Negligences, and Ignorances; to endue me with a lively and ſtedfaſt Faith, and a ſincere Reſolution to amend my Life according to thy holy Word;

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

O Son of GOD, I beſeech thee to hear me!
O Lamb of GOD, that takeſt away the Sins of the World,

Grant me thy Peace!

O Lamb

O Lamb of GOD, that takeſt away the Sins of the World,

Have Mercy upon me!

O Chriſt, hear me!

Lord, have Mercy upon me!

Chriſt, have Mercy upon me!

Lord, have Mercy upon me!

Our Father, &c.

Deliver us from Evil. Amen.

O Lord, deal not with me after my Sins! Neither reward me after mine Iniquities!

PSALM LI.

1. HAVE Mercy upon me, O GOD, after thy great Goodneſs; according to the Multitude of thy Mercies, do away mine Offences.

2. Waſh me throughly from my Wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my Sin.

3. For I acknowledge my Faults, and my Sin is ever before me.

4. Againſt thee only have I ſinned, and done this Evil in thy Sight, that thou mighteſt be juſtified in thy Saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5. Behold I was ſhapen in Wickedneſs; and in Sin hath my Mother conceived me.

6. But, lo! thou requireſt Truth in the inward Parts, and ſhalt make me to underſtand Wiſdom ſecretly.

7. Thou

7. Thou ſhalt purge me with Hyſſop, and I ſhall be clean; thou ſhalt waſh me, and I ſhall be whiter than Snow.

8. Thou ſhalt make me hear of Joy and Gladneſs; that the Bones which thou haſt broken may rejoice.

9. Turn thy Face from my Sins, and put out all my Miſdeeds.

10. Make me a clean Heart, O GOD; and renew a right Spirit within me.

11. Caſt me not away from thy Preſence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

12. O give me the Comfort of thy Help again, and ſtabliſh me with thy free Spirit.

13. Then ſhall I teach thy Ways unto the Wicked, and Sinners ſhall be converted unto thee.

14. Deliver me from Blood-Guiltineſs, O GOD, thou that art the GOD of my Health; and my Tongue ſhall ſing of thy Righteouſneſs.

15. Thou ſhalt open my Lips, O Lord, and my Mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy Praiſe.

16. For thou deſireſt no Sacrifice, elſe would I give it thee; but thou delighteſt not in Burnt-Offerings.

17. The Sacrifice of GOD is a troubled Spirit; a broken and a contrite Heart, O GOD, thou wilt not deſpiſe.

18. O be favourable and gracious unto *Sion*, build thou the Walls of *Jeruſalem*.

19. Then

19. Then ſhalt thou be pleaſed with the Sacrifice of Righteouſneſs, with the Burnt-Offerings and Oblations; then ſhall they offer young Bullocks upon thine Altar.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

O LORD, I beſeech thee mercifully to hear me; and ſpare me, and all thoſe who do confeſs their Sins unto thee; that they, whoſe Conſciences by Sin are accuſed, by thy merciful Pardon may be abſolved, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty GOD, and merciful Father, who haſt Compaſſion upon all Men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made; who wouldeſt not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould turn from his Sin, and be ſaved; mercifully forgive me my Treſpaſſes, receive and comfort me, who am grieved and wearied with the Burthen of my Sins: Thy Property is always to have Mercy, and to thee only it appertaineth to forgive Sins; ſpare me, therefore, good Lord, ſpare me; ſpare thy Servant, whom thou haſt redeemed: Enter not into Judgment with thy Servant, who am vile Earth, and a miſerable Sinner; but ſo turn thine Anger from me, who meekly acknowledge my Vileneſs, and truly repent me of my Faults; and ſo make haſte to help me in this World, that I may ever live with

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thee in the World to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

TURN thou me, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall I be turned; be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy Servant, who turns to thee in *Weeping*, *Faſting*, and *Praying!* For thou art a merciful GOD, full of Compaſſion, Long-ſuffering, and of great Pity: Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve Puniſhment, and in thy Wrath thinkeſt upon Mercy: Spare thy Servant, good Lord; ſpare me, and let me not be brought to Confuſion! Hear me, O Lord, for thy Mercy is great; and after the Multitude of thy Mercies, look upon me, through the Merits and Mediation of thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Lord bleſs me, and keep me; the Lord lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me, and give me Peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

The remaining Time, 'till *Eleven of the Clock*, you may beſtow in *dreſſing* and *fitting* yourſelf for the *Publick Prayers of the* CHURCH; which then you muſt by no Means fail to be *preſent at*. In the mean Time, let no ſinful Thoughts poſſeſs your Soul, no vain or idle Communication proceed out of your Mouth, but ſuch as may tend to Edifying. Examine, exhort, encourage your Servants, or thoſe about you, whom you have commanded, or who propoſe to receive the bleſſed Sacrament with you; and be careful to avoid

the Converſation of thoſe who may probably tempt you to Sin and Vanity.

Returning from Church or Chapel, about *Twelve of the Clock*, humble yourſelf again before GOD, and pray:

OUR *Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil.* Amen.

Then PSALM XXXII. Still upon your Knees.

1. BLeſſed is he whoſe Unrighteouſneſs is forgiven, and whoſe Sin is covered.

2. Bleſſed is the Man unto whom the Lord imputeth no Sin, and in whoſe Spirit there is no Guile.

3. For while I held my Tongue, my Bones conſumed away thro' my daily Complaining.

4. For thy Hand is heavy upon me Day and Night; and my Moiſture is like the Drought in Summer.

5. I will acknowledge my Sin unto thee, and mine Unrighteouſneſs have I not hid.

6. I ſaid, I will confeſs my Sins unto the Lord; and ſo thou forgaveſt the Wickedneſs of my Sin.

7. For this ſhall every one that is godly make his Prayer unto thee, in a Time when thou

thou mayſt be found; but in the great Water-Floods they ſhall not come nigh him.

8. Thou art a Place to hide me in; Thou ſhalt preſerve me from Trouble, Thou ſhalt compaſs me about with Songs of Deliverance.

9. I will inform thee, and teach thee in the Way wherein thou ſhalt go; and I will guide thee with mine Eye.

10. Be ye not like to Horſe and Mule, which have no Underſtanding; whoſe Mouths muſt be held with Bit and Bridle, leſt they fall upon thee.

11. Great Plagues remain for the Ungodly; but whoſo putteth his Truſt in the Lord, Mercy embraceth him on every Side.

12. Be glad, O ye Righteous, and rejoyce in the Lord; and be joyful all ye that are true of Heart.

Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was in the Beginning, &c.

ALmighty and everlaſting GOD, who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the Sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in me a new and contrite Heart, that I, worthily lamenting my Sins, and acknowledging my Wretchedneſs, may obtain of thee, the GOD of all Mercy, perfect Remiſſion and Forgiveneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and moſt merciful Father, who, for my many and grievous Sins committed againſt thee, and eſpecially ſince the *laſt ſolemn Time of my Humiliation and Repentance*, mighteſt moſt juſtly have cut me off in the midſt of my Days, but in the Multitude of thy Mercies haſt hitherto ſpared me; accept, I moſt heartily beſeech thee, my unfeigned Sorrow for all my former Tranſgreſſions; and grant, that I may never ſo preſume of thy Mercy, as to deſpiſe the Riches of thy Goodneſs; but that thy Forbearance and Long-ſuffering may lead me to Repentance and Amendment of my ſinful Life, to thy Honour and Glory, and my final Acquittance and Abſolution at the laſt Day; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, make clean my Heart within me:
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

IN the Name of GOD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt. *Amen.*

I, who am a wretched Sinner, here perſonally appearing, and * *proſtrate* unto the Majeſty of the *Great* and *Dreadful* GOD, and in the *Preſence of his Holy Angels*, having in Remembrance the exceeding Mercies of his great Goodneſs towards me; as in manifold Inſtances,

* *Here throw yourſelf upon the Ground.*

ces, ſo eſpecially in this, that, in the Day of my *Chriſtening*, I was ſo happily and holily *vowed* and *dedicated unto GOD*, to be his Child, and to live in his continual Service; and that, contrary to the Profeſſion which was then made in my Name, I have ſo many and ſundry Times ſo grievouſly *violated my Vows*, and *profaned my ſacred Promiſes*, and employed my Soul to the Service of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; at length, recalling myſelf, and with all Lowlineſs and Devotion, caſting my Soul and Body *proſtrate* before the *dreadful Throne of his Juſtice*, I do acknowledge, confeſs, and yield myſelf to be a miſerable wretched Sinner, guilty of that Death and Paſſion which Chriſt once ſuffer'd for me upon the tormenting Croſs; but turning myſelf to the *Throne of his infinite Mercy*, and with all my Might and Force, from the very Depth of my Heart, deteſting the Iniquities of my fore-paſſed Life, I moſt humbly beg and crave Pardon for the ſame, with an entire Abſolution from all my Sins, even for the precious Death and Paſſion Sake of my Lord and Saviour; unto whom I promiſe and confirm again, I do avow and ſolemnly renew that ſacred Profeſſion, and loyal Service and Fidelity, which was made in my Behalf unto him at my *Holy Baptiſm*; renouncing unfeignedly the Vanities of this wicked World, the Luſts of the Fleſh, and the Suggeſtions of the Devil; and converting myſelf to my moſt gracious

and merciful GOD, *I deſire, deliberately purpoſe*, and fully *reſolve* to honour him, ſerve him, and obey him, for ever hereafter; *giving* and *dedicating* to him, for this End, *the Faculties of my Soul*, and the *Members of my Body*, to be his faithful, loyal, and obedient Subjects and Servants for ever; without *unſaying*, *revoking*, or *repenting* me of this my *holy* and *ſacred Promiſe*, or any Part thereof. And I moſt humbly beſeech Almighty GOD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, to *confirm me in this conſtant Reſolution* of abandoning theſe my Sins, and living an holy Life, and to accept of this my broken and contrite Heart, which GOD hath promiſed not to deſpiſe; entirely deſiring his Fatherly Goodneſs, that as he hath given me a *Will and Deſire to purpoſe*, ſo he would give me *Strength and Grace* to perform all holy Actions; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

LORD, I pray thee, that thy Grace may always prevent and follow me, and make me continually to be given to all good Works; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, I beſeech thee, grant thy Servant Grace to withſtand the Temptations of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; and with a pure Heart and Mind to follow thee, the only true GOD; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD

O GOD, whoſe Nature and Property is ever to have Mercy and to forgive, receive my humble Petitions, and though I be tied and bound with the Chain of my Sins, yet let the Pitifulneſs of thy great Mercy looſe me, for the Honour of Jeſus Chriſt our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the World, ſave me! who by thy Croſs and Paſſion haſt redeemed me: Help me, and ſave me, I beſeech thee, O GOD!

TO the King eternal, immortal, inviſible, and only wiſe GOD, who is the ever-bleſſed and adorable Trinity, be all Honour and Glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Having thus ended your *Midday* Devotions, review your *Catalogue* of Sins. Fix on *that Sin* you find yourſelf *chiefly addicted to*; labour for a *Godly* Sorrow, and Relentings of Heart, on the Sight of it; *reſolve* againſt all *future* Perpetrations of it, carefully uſing all *Remedies* which may tend to ſuppreſs it: To which Purpoſe examine yourſelf concerning thoſe Occaſions and Inducements which did lead you to it, and provide, as well as you can, againſt them, noting in your Book thoſe Occaſions and Remedies, which Scripture, Reaſon, or Experience may prompt you to.

As for Example:

Suppoſe yourſelf guilty of Irreverence, or Want of Devotion in the Service of GOD; write down what doth commonly induce you to it, what Remedies are moſt proper to the Cure of it. Thus:

In the Year 1739, *April* 20, being *Good-Friday*, (or be it any other Day,) *I faſted*, being to receive the Communion the following *Sunday*; and in the Exerciſe of this Holy Duty, on *Examination*, I found myſelf much guilty of Irreverence in the Worſhip of GOD, and diſcover'd theſe Temptations to it.

1. Too much addicting myſelf to a childiſh and light Deportment at all Times; and therefore can hardly remit of it when I come into GOD's Preſence.

2. Liſtening too much to the *vain* Diſcourſes, and obſerving the *impertinent Actions of others*.

3. *Want of Conſideration* in whoſe Preſence I am, to wit, of the *Great Majeſty of Heaven*, of that GOD, who, if I do not repent, will ſtrictly call me to an Account for theſe, and all other my Sins, *&c.*

From which *Occaſions* you may perceive what *Remedies* to uſe againſt it; as,

1. To labour for a *grave* and *modeſt Carriage* of myſelf at all Times, conſidering *my Age*, *Quality*, *Degree*, &c.

2. To *avoid vain and light Perſons*; or if that may not be done, *not to heed them*, or ſeriouſly to *rebuke them*.

3. To entertain all *awful* and *dreadful Apprehenſions* of the *Great GOD*, who ſeeth what I do, and how I comport myſelf: As alſo of the *Holy Angels*, who may truly enough be believed, from the Intimations of the *Apoſtles*, St. *John*, *Rev.* viii. and St. *Paul*, 1 *Cor.* xi. 10. to *be preſent* at Holy Myſteries.

4. To theſe may be added, *lifting up my Eyes* to Heaven, or *fixing them* on the *Prieſt*; and *not letting them looſe* on whatever Objects may preſent themſelves.

Theſe I then *reſolved* to conſider and practiſe; and will therefore frequently read them over.

EVEN

EVEN ſo, *Amen.* Lord, let thy Grace be ſufficient for me! *Lead me not into Temptation, but deliver me from Evil.* Amen.

Then kneeling down, pray for *Devotion*, or for any other Grace, the contrary Sin whereof you have now found yourſelf guilty of, and reſolved againſt. You will *find Prayers* to this *Purpoſe* at the *latter End of this Book.* As, for Devotion, thus:

MOST *Great* GOD, *who haſt not only permitted, but invited us, needy and miſerable Creatures, to preſent our Petitions to thee: O let me ſet a true Value on this moſt ineſtimable Privilege. I come unto thee, O Lord, as a Worm to my Sovereign Maker: I come as an heinous Offender to a juſt and ſevere Judge: Let, I pray thee, my Addreſſes in thine Houſe be with a Reverence ſome way anſwerable to thy* awful Majeſty; *give me an hearty Deſire to pray, and ſuch a pure Intention and Fixedneſs of Mind upon thee, that I may no more incur the Guilt of drawing nigh unto thee with my Lips, when my Heart is far from thee; but may ſo ask, that I may receive; ſeek, that I may find; knock, that it may be opened unto me; that ſo, from Praying to thee here, I may be tranſlated to the Praiſing thee eternally in thy Glory hereafter; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.* Amen.

This Exerciſe being finiſh'd about *Three of the Clock*, the Time appointed for the *Evening Service*; at your Return from *Church* or *Chapel*, if you have not fully ſatisfied your own Conſcience, but require farther Comfort or Counſel, you are to go to ſome

diſcreet and learned Miniſter of GOD's Word, eſpecially to him under whoſe Miniſtry GOD hath placed you, not being curious or cenſorious in your Choice as to this Particular; and *open your Griefs by Confeſſion*, that ſo you may receive the Benefit of *Abſolution*, together with *Ghoſtly Counſel*, and *Advice*, to the quieting of your Conſcience, and the avoiding of all Scruple and Doubtfulneſs.

This being done, as it ought to be, with Submiſſion and Sobriety, you may with Comfort retire into your Cloſet, and upon your Knees ſay:

OUR *Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil* Amen.

ALmighty GOD, unto whom all Hearts be open, all Deſires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid; cleanſe the Thoughts of my Heart by the Inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Then read, upon your Knees, the *Ten Commandments*, as they are ſet down in our *Communion-Service.*

GOD ſpake theſe Words, and ſaid, *I am the Lord thy GOD, Thou ſhalt have none other Gods but me.*

Lord,

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Thou ſhalt not make to thyſelf any graven Image, nor the Likeneſs of any Thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth: Thou ſhalt not bow down to them nor worſhip them; for I the Lord thy GOD am a jealous GOD, and viſit the Sins of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the Third and Fourth Generation of them that hate me, and ſhew Mercy unto Thouſands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy GOD in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltleſs that taketh his Name in vain.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-Day: Six Days ſhalt thou labour, and do all that thou haſt to do; but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy GOD: In it thou ſhalt do no manner of Work, Thou, and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man-Servant, and thy Maid-Servant, thy Cattle, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in ſix Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and reſted the Seventh Day: Wherefore the Lord bleſſed the Seventh Day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Thou ſhalt do no Murder.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Thou ſhalt not commit Adultery.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Thou ſhalt not Steal.

Lord have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Thou ſhalt not bear falſe Witneſs againſt thy Neighbour.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and incline my Heart to keep this Law.

Thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbour's Houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Aſs, nor any Thing that is his.

Lord, have Mercy upon me, and write all theſe thy Laws in my Heart, I beſeech thee.

O Almighty Lord, and everlaſting GOD, vouchſafe, I beſeech thee, to direct, ſanctify, and govern, both my Soul and Body, in the Ways of thy Laws, and in the Works of

of thy Commandments; that through thy moſt mighty Protection, both here and ever, I may be preſerved both in Body and Soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Then ſtand up, and heartily repeat your *Creed.*

I *Believe in GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin* Mary, *ſuffered under* Pontius Pilate, *was crucified, dead, and buried: He deſcended into Hell; the third Day He roſe again from the Dead; He aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the Right Hand of GOD the Father Almighty; from thence he ſhall come to judge the Quick and the Dead. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt, the Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveneſs of Sins, the Reſurrection of the Body, and the Life everlaſting.* Amen.

After which, *kneel again,* and pray.

ALmighty and Everlaſting GOD, heavenly Father, I give thee humble Thanks, that thou haſt vouchſafed to bring me to the *Knowledge of this Faith in thee,* and do beſeech thee, that thou wouldſt keep me *ſtedfaſt in the Faith,* and evermore defend me from all Adverſities, who liveſt and reigneſt one GOD, World without End. *Amen.*

Lord,

Lord, have Mercy upon me!
Chriſt, have Mercy upon me!
Lord, have Mercy upon me!

PSALM XXXVIII.

1. PUT me not to Rebuke, O Lord, in thine Anger, neither chaſten me in thy heavy Diſpleaſure.

2. For thine Arrows ſtick faſt in me, and thy Hand preſſeth me ſore.

3. There is no Health in my Fleſh, becauſe of thy Diſpleaſure; neither is there any Reſt in my Bones, by reaſon of my Sin.

4. For my Wickedneſſes are gone over my Head, and are like a ſore Burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5. My Wounds ſtink, and are corrupt, through my Fooliſhneſs.

6. I am brought into ſo great Trouble and Miſery, that I go mourning all the Day long.

7. For my Loins are filled with a ſore Diſeaſe; and there is no whole Part in my Body.

8. I am feeble, and ſore ſmitten; I have roared for the very Diſquietneſs of my Heart.

9. Lord, thou knoweſt all my Deſire, and my Groaning is not hid from thee.

10. My Heart panteth, my Strength hath failed me, and the Sight of mine Eyes is gone from me.

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11. My Lovers and my Neighbours did ſtand looking upon my Trouble; and my Kinſmen ſtood afar off.

12. They alſo that ſought after my Life, laid Snares for me; and they that went about to do me Evil, talked of Wickedneſs, and imagined Deceit, all the Day long.

13. As for me, I was like a deaf Man, and heard not; and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his Mouth.

14. I became even as a Man that heareth not, and in whoſe Mouth are no Reproofs.

15. For in thee, O Lord, have I put my Truſt; thou ſhalt anſwer for me, O Lord my GOD.

16. I required that they, even mine Enemies, ſhould not triumph over me; for when my Foot ſlipt, they rejoiced greatly againſt me.

17. And I truly am ſet in the Plague, and my Heavineſs is ever in my Sight.

18. For I will confeſs my Wickedneſs, and be ſorry for my Sin.

19. But mine Enemies live, and are mighty; and they that hate me wrongfully, are many in Number.

20. They alſo that reward Evil for Good are againſt me, becauſe I follow the Thing that is good.

21. Forſake me not, O Lord my GOD; be not thou far from me.

22. Haſte thee to help me, O Lord GOD of my Salvation.

Glory

Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was in the Beginning, &c.

O *Chriſt*, *hear me!* and remember *now that Hour*, in which thou didſt once *commend thy bleſſed Spirit* into the Hands of thy Heavenly Father; when with a *torn Body*, and a *broken Heart*, thou didſt ſhew forth the Bowels of thy Mercy, and die for us. I beſeech thee, O thou *Brightneſs* and *Image of GOD!* aſſiſt me by this thy moſt precious Death, that, being dead unto the World, I may live only unto thee; and at the laſt Hour of my Departure from this mortal Life, I may commend my Soul into thy Hands, and thou mayeſt receive me into Life immortal, there to reign with thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

GRANT me, in the mean Time, gracious Lord, a pure Intention of Heart, and a ſtedfaſt Reſolution to deſpiſe all Vanity; to fight the Battles of the Lord manfully againſt the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; to ſpend my Time religiouſly and uſefully; to ſpeak gracious Words; to walk always as in thy Preſence; to preſerve my Soul and Body in Holineſs, fit for the Habitation of the Spirit of GOD. *Amen.*

MY Lord, and my GOD, give me, I beſeech thee, a wiſe, a ſober, a patient, an underſtanding, a devout, a religious, a courageous

rageous Heart; chaſte and temperate Reins and Thoughts; a Soul full of Devotion to do thee Service; and do thou make my Services acceptable to thee while I live, and my Soul ready for thee when I die. *Amen.*

O Lord, increaſe in me Faith and Devotion; repleniſh my Heart with all Goodneſs, and of thy great Mercy keep me in the ſame: Give me true Humility in Proſperity, Patience in Adverſity, and continual Joy in the Holy Ghoſt. *Amen.*

O Lord, give me ſpiritual Wiſdom, that I may diſcern what is pleaſing unto thee, and follow what belongs unto my Peace; and let the Knowledge and Peace of GOD, and of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, be my Guide, and my Portion, all the Days of my Life. *Amen.*

O Lord, make me humble to my Superiors, and friendly to my Equals; thankful to my Benefactors, loving to my Relations, and charitable to my Enemies; to be gentle, and eaſily intreated; ſlow to Anger, and readily admoniſhed; fully prepared, and thoroughly furniſhed for every good Word and Work. *Amen.*

O Lord, give me a peaceable Spirit, and a quiet Life, free from Debt and deadly Sin: Give me Grace to abſtain from all Appearance of Evil, and to do nothing but what is

is of good Report; to confeſs Chriſt and his holy Religion, by an holy and obedient Life, and a Mind ready to die for him when he ſhall call for me. And then, O Lord, aſſiſt me. *Amen.*

O Lord Jeſus! I give thee my Body, my Soul, my Subſtance, my Fame, my Friends, my Liberty, and my Life: Diſpoſe of me, and of all that is mine, as it ſeemeth beſt to thee, and to the Glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

I AM not now *mine*, but *thine*; therefore claim me as thy Right; keep me as thy Charge, and love me as thy Child: Fight for me when I am aſſaulted, heal me when I am wounded, and revive me when I am deſtroyed. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all good Things do come, grant to me, thy humble Servant, that by thy holy Inſpiration I may think thoſe Things that are good, and by thy merciful Guidance may perform the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GIVE me Modeſty in my Countenance, Gravity in my Deportment and Behaviour, Deliberateneſs in my Speech, and Righteouſneſs in all my Actions: Let thy Mercy cleanſe me from my Sins, and let thy Grace bring forth in me the Fruits of everlaſting Life. *Amen.*

O GOD,

O GOD, who knoweſt us to be ſet in the midſt of ſo many and great Dangers, that by reaſon of the Weakneſs of our Nature we cannot always ſtand upright; look, I beſeech thee, on my Frailties and Infirmities, and grant me ſuch Health of Body, that both in my Soul and Body I may evermore ſerve thee with all my Strength and Might, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST me mercifully, O Lord, in theſe, and all my Supplications and Prayers; and diſpoſe the Way of thy Servant towards the Attainment of everlaſting Salvation; that, among all the Changes and Chances of this mortal Life, I may ever be defended by thy moſt gracious and ready Help, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GOD the Father bleſs me; GOD the Son defend me; GOD the Holy Ghoſt preſerve me; GOD the Holy Trinity be with me, now and for evermore!

After this, *apply* yourſelf to read ſome choice Portion of Scripture, particularly the *Hiſtory* of our Saviour's Paſſion, as in the *Goſpels for the Holy Week:* Read with as much Affection and Heartineſs as is poſſible, all along reflecting on his *Innocency*, and *yourſelf* as one of thoſe guilty Wretches for whom he ſuffered all this.

And

And think thus of yourſelf.

I Have occaſioned more Torment to him, than his very *Crucifiers:* They crucified him once; but I have, as much as in me lay, crucified him *daily:* They crucified him becauſe they *knew him not*; but *I have known him*, and yet have ſtill continued thus to crucify him afreſh.

Theſe Meditations, as they ſhould work in us a great Sorrow for our *Sins* paſt, and a great Hatred, and a firm Reſolution againſt them for the Time to come; ſo likewiſe ſhould they quicken and ſtir up our *Faith in*, our *Love of*, and our *Thankfulneſs unto Chriſt*, for his ſo great Mercy in redeeming us by ſo dear a Price.

Nor muſt your Prayers end here: They are not *complete* without *Interceſſions*; nor *acceptable* without *Charity*; which is a main Requiſite to a *worthy Communicant.*

At *Six of the Clock*, therefore, betake yourſelf again to Prayer for *all Men*, for *Chriſt's Holy Catholick Church*; and for all, who either by *Relation*, *Acquaintance*, or more *particular Deſire*, may claim a Share in your Prayers.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver

us

us from Evil; for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALM CII.

1. HEAR my Prayer, O Lord, and let my Crying come unto thee.

2. Hide not thy Face from me in the Time of my Trouble; incline thine Ears unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right ſoon.

3. For my Days are conſumed away like Smoke, and my Bones are burnt up as it were a Firebrand.

4. My Heart is ſmitten down, and wither'd like Graſs; ſo that I forget to eat my Bread.

5. For the Voice of my Groaning, my Bones will ſcarce cleave to my Fleſh.

6. I am become like a Pelican in the Wilderneſs, and like an Owl that is in the Deſart.

7. I have watched, and am even as it were a Sparrow that ſitteth alone upon the Houſe-Top.

8. Mine Enemies revile me all the Day long; and they that are mad upon me, are ſworn together againſt me.

9. For I have eaten Aſhes as it were Bread, and mingled my Drink with Weeping.

10. And that becauſe of thine Indignation and Wrath; for thou haſt taken me up, and caſt me down.

11. My

11. My Days are gone like a Shadow, and I am withered like Graſs.

12. But thou, O Lord, ſhalt endure for ever, and thy Remembrance throughout all Generations.

13. Thou ſhalt ariſe and have Mercy upon *Sion*; for it is Time that thou have Mercy upon her; yea, the Time is come.

14. And why? Thy Servants think upon her Stones, and it pitieth them to ſee her in the Duſt.

15. The Heathen ſhall fear thy Name, O Lord, and all the Kings of the Earth thy Majeſty;

16. When the Lord ſhall build up *Sion*, and when his Glory ſhall appear:

17. When he turneth him unto the Prayer of the poor Deſtitute, and deſpiſeth not their Deſire.

18. This ſhall be written for thoſe that come after; and the People which ſhall be born, ſhall praiſe the Lord.

19. For he hath looked down from his Sanctuary; out of the Heaven did the Lord behold the Earth:

20. That he might hear the Mournings of ſuch as are in Captivity, and deliver the Children appointed unto Death;

21. Then they may declare the Name of the Lord in *Sion*, and his Worſhip at *Jeruſalem*;

22. When the People are gathered together, and the Kingdoms alſo, to ſerve the Lord.

23. He brought down my Strength in my Journey, and ſhortened my Days.

24. But I ſaid, O my GOD, take me not away in the midſt of mine Age; as for thy Years, they endure throughout all Generations.

25. Thou, Lord, in the Beginning haſt laid the Foundation of the Earth, and the Heavens are the Work of thy Hands.

26. They ſhall periſh, but thou ſhalt endure; they all ſhall wax old as doth a Garment;

27. And as a Veſture ſhalt thou change them, and they ſhall be changed; but thou art the ſame, and thy Years ſhall not fail.

28. The Children of thy Servants ſhall continue, and their Seed ſhall ſtand faſt in thy Sight.

Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was in the Beginning, &c.

ALmighty GOD, who, of thy tender Love *towards Mankind*, haſt ſent thy Son our Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, to take upon him our Fleſh, and to ſuffer Death upon the Croſs, that *all Mankind* ſhould follow the Example of his great Humility; mercifully grant, that I may both follow the Example of his Patience, and alſo be made Partaker of his Reſurrection; through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty

ALmighty GOD, I beſeech thee graciouſly to behold thy *Family*, for which our Lord Jeſus Chriſt was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the Hands of wicked Men, and to ſuffer Death upon the Croſs; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one GOD, World without End. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting GOD, by whoſe Spirit the *whole Body of the Church* is governed and ſanctified, receive my Supplications and Prayers, which *I offer before thee* for all *Eſtates* of Men in thy *Holy Church*, that *every Member* of the ſame, in his Vocation and Miniſtry, may truly and godly ſerve thee, thro' our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

OMerciful GOD, who haſt *made all Men*, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, nor wouldſt the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould be converted and live: Have Mercy upon all *Jews*, *Turks*, *Infidels*, and *Hereticks*; and take from them all Ignorance, Hardneſs of Heart, and Contempt of thy Word; and ſo fetch them home, bleſſed Lord, to thy Fold, that they may be ſaved among the Remnant of the true *Iſraelites*, and be made *one Flock*, under *one Shepherd*, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, *One God*, World without End. *Amen.*

Almighty

ALmighty GOD, who haſt purchaſed to thyſelf an *Univerſal Church*, by the precious Blood of thy dear Son, mercifully look on *that Part of it in theſe Kingdoms, ſo miſerably ſhattered and diſtreſſed.* I confeſs, O Lord, our Sins have juſtly deſerved, that thou ſhouldeſt remove thy Candleſtick from us, and by ſome extraordinary Judgment make us a Scorn and a By-Word to the World: But, I beſeech thee, avert thoſe Plagues which we have deſerved, and continue thoſe Mercies which we have hitherto enjoyed, eſpecially the Comfort of thy Goſpel, and Liberty of thy Truth. O let not our Adverſaries ever roar in the Midſt of our Congregations, and ſet up their Banners as Signs of Victory and Conqueſt over us; but ſhield and protect us with thy Mercy, that in thy Holy Church we may ſtill glorify thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the unſpeakable *Author of the World, Creator of Man*, Governor of Empires, and Eſtabliſher of all Kingdoms, who out of the Loins of our Father *Abraham* didſt chooſe a King, that became the Saviour of all Kings and Nations of the Earth; bleſs, I beſeech thee, thy Servant, and our dread Sovereign Lord the King, with the richeſt Bleſſings

of thy Grace, and eſtabliſh him in the Throne of his Kingdom by thy mighty Aid and Protection; viſit him as thou didſt viſit *Moſes* in the *Buſh*, *Joſhua* in the *Battle*, *Gideon* in the *Field*, and *Samuel* in the *Temple*. Let the Dew of thy abundant Mercies fall upon his Head, and give unto him the Bleſſing of *David* and *Solomon*: Be unto him an Helmet of Salvation againſt the Face of his Enemies, and a ſtrong Tower of Defence in the Time of Adverſity: Let his Reign be proſperous, and his Days many: Let Peace, and Love, and Holineſs, Juſtice and Truth, and all Chriſtian Virtues flouriſh in his Time: Let his People ſerve him with Honour and Obedience; and let him ſo duly ſerve thee here on Earth, that he may hereafter everlaſtingly ſerve thee in Heaven, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

I Beſeech thee, O Lord, ſave and defend all Chriſtian Kings, Princes, and Governors; eſpecially, thy Servant our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed; and grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in Authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently miniſter Juſtice, to the Puniſhment of Wickedneſs and Vice, and to the Maintenance of thy true Religion and Virtue. *Amen.*

ALmighty GOD, the Fountain of all Goodneſs, I humbly beſeech thee to bleſs the Prince of *Wales*, the Duke, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly Grace, proſper them with all Happineſs, and bring them to thine everlaſting Kingdom: Through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty GOD, who alone workeſt great Marvels, give Grace to all *Biſhops*, *Prieſts*, and *Deacons*, eſpecially to thoſe *under whoſe Diſpenſations I live:* Illuminate them with true Knowledge and Underſtanding of thy Word, and grant that by their Preaching and Living they may ſet it forth and ſhew it accordingly; and alſo rightly and duly adminiſter thy Holy Sacraments: Grant this for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

O Thou GOD of Truth, bring into the Way of Truth all ſuch as have erred and are deceived. O thou Father of Comforts, ſuccour, help, and comfort all that are in Danger, Neceſſity, and Tribulation; preſerve all that travel by Land or by Water; all Women labouring of Child, all ſick Perſons, and young Children: Shew thy Pity upon all Priſoners and Captives; provide for the Fa-

therleſs Children and Widows, and all who are deſolate and oppreſſed; yea, have Mercy upon *all Men*, eſpecially thoſe whom thou haſt called to the *Knowledge of*, and *Faith in* thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

This is only to be ſaid by thoſe who have Parents, or a Parent.

ALmighty GOD, the Creator and Preſerver of all Men, (who haſt commanded me to honour *my Father and my Mother*,) grant me of thy Goodneſs and Grace ſo to love and honour *them*, to fear and obey *them*, to help and to pray for *them*, as thou in thy holy Word haſt directed and charged me to do, that both in their Lives and Deaths their Souls may bleſs me. Give, I pray thee, to (them and) all my Relations and Benefactors, Deliverance from all Dangers, both of Body and Soul; keep them in the Stedfaſtneſs of thy Faith, and in the Obedience of thy Commandments: Bleſs them, O Lord, and make us all doubly dear to each other, both in the Fleſh, and in the Lord; and that for our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom every good and perfect Gift proceedeth, accept my *Praiſe* and *Thankſgiving*, which I offer unto thee for all thy Mercies and Benefits from Time to Time vouchſafed unto me; for my *Health*,

Peace, *Liberty*, *Friends*, and all other Bleſſings of this Life; for *Jeſus Chriſt*, the Fountain of all; for his *Conception*, *Birth*, *Circumciſion*; for his *Baptiſm*, *Faſting*, *Temptation*; for his holy and moſt *exemplary Life*; for his *bitter*, *cruel*, and yet *patient* and *meritorious Death*; for his victorious triumphant *Deſcent into Hell*; for his glorious *Reſurrection* and *Aſcenſion*; for the *Coming of the Holy Ghoſt*, the *eternal Comforter*, upon the *Apoſtles* on the Day of *Pentecoſt*; and, from that Time, for the Conſtitution of a *Catholick* and *Apoſtolick Church*, which is to *continue to the End of the World*. And, I beſeech thee, O Lord, give me that due Senſe of all thy Mercies, that my Heart may be unfeignedly thankful; and that I may ſhew forth thy Praiſe not only with my Lips, but in my Life, by giving up myſelf unto thy Service, and by walking before thee in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all my Days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen*.

ALmighty GOD, who by thy *Holy Apoſtles* haſt taught us, not only to make Prayers and Supplications, but alſo to *give Thanks* for all Men, I offer up unto thee, moſt *High*, *Laud*, and *Humble Thanks* for all thy wonderful *Graces* and *Virtues*, which thou haſt declared in *all Saints*, chiefly in the *Glorious* and *moſt Bleſſed Virgin Mary*, the *Mother of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt*, and all *others* who *St.* Luke xiv. 8.

have departed *this Life* with the *Seal of Faith*, and do now reſt in the *Sleep of Peace*, ſuch as were the *Patriarchs*, *Prophets*, *Apoſtles*, *Martyrs*, *and Confeſſors*, holy *Virgins*, pious *Matrons*, and devout * *Widows*, who have waſhed the Feet of the Saints; beſeeching thee, that we may ſtill continue in their *Holy Communion*, and enjoy the Comfort thereof while we are on Earth, following with a glad Will and Mind their *Holy Examples* of godly Living, and Stedfaſtneſs in thy Faith; and that, at the laſt Day, *we*, *with them*, may attain to the Reſurrection of the Juſt, and have our perfect Conſummation and Bliſs, both in Body and Soul, in thy eternal and everlaſting Glory; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be aſcribed by us, as is by *Angels* and *Arch-Angels*, and the *whole Company* of Heaven, all Honour and Glory, World without End. *Amen.*

* 1 *Tim.* iii. 16.

ALmighty GOD, who haſt promiſed to hear the Petitions of them that aſk in thy Son's Name, I beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine Ears unto me, now that *in his Name* I have made my *Prayers* and *Supplications unto thee*; and grant that thoſe Things which I have faithfully aſked, *according to thy Will*, may effectually be obtained, to the Relief of my Neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth

forth of thy Glory; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Peace of GOD, which paſſeth all Underſtanding, the Bleſſing of GOD almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, the Virtue of Chriſt's bleſſed Croſs and Paſſion, be with me now, at the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment.

Having thus interceded and given Thanks, at *Seven of the Clock*, with Chearfulneſs, depart your Cloſet. Let not your Behaviour be without *innocent Alalacrity*; but let your ſpecial Care be to comport yourſelf at theſe your *Faſts*, that they may not, if poſſible, be taken Notice of by any but yourſelf and GOD, as being mindful of that Command of our Saviour, St. *Matth.* vi. 17, 18. *Anoint thy Head, and waſh thy Face, that thou appear not unto Men to faſt.* Be ſure then to avoid all *Sullenneſs* and *Moroſeneſs*, but give ready and chearful Anſwers to any that ſhall addreſs you.

Thus diſpoſed, you are ready for your *Supper by Seven of the Clock*; whereto, notwithſtanding your *long Abſtinence*, you muſt not let looſe your Appetite, but eat as *ſparingly* as at other Times, remembring that our Church hath appointed this Day, as all other *Fridays* in the Year, except *Chriſtmas-Day*, to be Days of Faſting or Abſtinence.

The few Hours from Supper to *Bed-Time* you cannot better beſtow than in *Reading* or *Walking*, and *Meditating* on the particular Exerciſes of your *Faſt*; examining yourſelf, whether you have been as intent and devout in the Performance of them, as is

requiſite. And where you have *failed*, heartily *bewail yourſelf* to GOD, *reſolving* within yourſelf to be more *ſerious* and *careful* for the Time to come. Be frequent and diligent in looking over your *Accomptal*, obſerving *every Week*, ſince you laſt *communicated*, what your *Carriage* hath been; how you have amended, eſpecially in thoſe Particulars in which you have formerly taken Notice of your *Miſcarriages*, and *vowed Reformation*.

Some Time before you retire to your *Evening Prayers*, return to your *Cloſet*, and let your *Charity* crown your Devotions, (1 *Cor.* xv. 2.) *ſetting apart*, and *devoting* ſomewhat unto GOD of what you have to the *Relief of his neceſſitous Servants*, diſtributing it when you ſee *Occaſion*. In the mean Time *ſeparate it from the reſt of your Store*, and ever after look upon it as *devote*, and *not to be touched*, except to be *diſperſed to the Poor*. When you do thus *conſecrate* it to GOD, uſe this or the like Ejaculation.

St. *Luke* xix. 8. WHAT I give, O Lord, is of *my own*, as thou haſt proſpered me; if I have *wronged any one*, I am ready to reſtore Four-fold.

O Lord, whoſe is the Earth, and the Fulneſs thereof, *I offer* unto thee, *what by thy Gift and Bleſſing I have*, this ſmall Teſtimony of my *Thankfulneſs* to be beſtowed on thoſe *poor Chriſtians* whom thy Providence ſhall give me Opportunity to relieve. Be thou pleaſed, through the Blood of my Saviour, to accept it, and pardon all my *vain Expences*. *Amen*.

Thou

Thou art my GOD, my Goods are nothing unto thee: All my Delight is upon the Saints that are in the Earth, and upon ſuch as excel in Virtue.

About Ten or Eleven of the Clock, *betake yourſelf to your* ordinary Prayers *for the Evening*, whereto ſubjoin the two Prayers for Preparation to the Holy Communion which are above written; and alſo on every ſuch Day, Pſalm cxliii.

PSALM CXLIII.

1. HEAR my Prayer, O Lord, and conſider my Deſire; hearken unto me for thy Truth and Righteouſneſs Sake.

2. And enter not into Judgment with thy Servant; for in thy Sight ſhall no Man living be juſtified.

3. For the Enemy hath perſecuted my Soul; he hath ſmitten my Life down to the Ground; he hath laid me in the Darkneſs, as the Men that have been long dead.

4. Therefore is my Spirit vexed within me, and my Heart within me is deſolate.

5. Yet do I remember the Time paſt; I muſe upon all thy Works; yea, I exerciſe myſelf in the Works of thy Hands.

6. I ſtretch forth my Hands unto thee; my Soul gaſpeth unto thee as a thirſty Land.

7. Hear me, O Lord, and that ſoon; for my Spirit waxeth faint: Hide not thy Face

from me, leſt I be like unto them that go down into the Pit.

8. O let me hear thy loving Kindneſs betimes in the Morning; for in thee is my Truſt: Shew thou me the Way that I ſhould walk in; for I lift up my Soul unto thee.

9. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine Enemies; for I flee unto thee to hide me.

10. Teach me to do the Thing that pleaſeth thee; for thou art my GOD: Let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the Land of Righteouſneſs.

11. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name Sake; and for thy Righteouſneſs Sake bring my Soul out of Trouble.

12. And of thy Goodneſs ſlay mine Enemies, and deſtroy all them that vex my Soul; for I am thy Servant.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

Thus you end your *Courſe of Prayers* for every *Friday* preceding a *Communion-Sunday*. They are ſuch, I think, as may ſuit your *Leiſure* and *Condition*; if not, you are prudent enough to *omit* and *alter* what you ſee good. I have too, all along, ſuppoſed your *Conſtitution ſtrong enough* to hold out ſuch a Faſt; if *Health will not bear it*, in GOD's Name *eat*, but *moderately*; and let your Food be *mean and ordinary*; ſuch as a *Cruſt of Bread*, a little *Wine*, or a Glaſs of *Small Beer*, &c.

And

And now, having finiſhed your *penitential Devotions* on the *Friday*, or the Eve to *Chriſtmas-Day*, you have the leſs to do on the *Saturday*; nothing but to guard yourſelf more ſtrictly againſt Temptations, that they prevail not upon you: To which Purpoſe, be frequent in *reading* the Scripture, or ſome good Book, particularly, *the NEW whole Duty of Man*; the *ſeventh Chapter* of which concerns the *Lord's Supper*; which after *Evening Prayer* read conſiderately over, applying every Paſſage to yourſelf, as being ſome Way or other concerned in it.

Part of this Day you may beſtow in *Offices of Charity*; as *viſiting your Friends*, or *reconciling* yourſelf to any with whom you have had any *Difference*, as you ſhall find Occaſion, or as you ſhall be directed by your *Spiritual Guide*.

On *Sunday* Morning you riſe by *Six of the Clock*, and ſubjoin to your *Morning Prayers*, thoſe *two* Collects for *Preparation* abovementioned.

After this conſider how you may, with *due Devotion*, comport yourſelf at the *Holy Altar*, and what are thoſe particular *Duties* and *Graces* you are there to exerciſe: You will find an Account of them in the *ſeventh Chapter of the NEW whole Duty of Man*.

Then examine the State and Temper of your *Heart*, whether it be tender, and affectionately diſpoſed to *Relentings* for your Sins, *Purpoſes* againſt them, and *Reſolutions* for a holy Life; to humble *Reliances*, and and Truſt on GOD in our *Saviour's Blood* for Pardon; to *Spiritual Joy* and *Thankfulneſs*; to *Good-will* towards all Men; to *Charity* and *Liberality*; and the like: Otherwiſe, have an *hearty Deſire*, and uſe your utmoſt Endeavour, which will be accepted, to bring it to ſuch a *Diſpoſition*.

If, after all this be done, you have any *ſpare Minutes* before *Church* or *Chapel Time*, you would do well to beſtow them in reading over the *Communion-Service*; by which Means you will be able, with more *Readineſs* and *Devotion*, to go along with the *Prieſt* in the *publick Adminiſtration* of it.

About an *Hour* before you go forth, review the *Accompts* of your Sins noted in your Paper. Let your Heart go along with the Reading of them, *ſorrowing* for them, and *reſolving* againſt them.

After this, humbly kneel, and repeat the *fifty-firſt Pſalm*.

PSALM LI.

1. HAVE Mercy upon me, O GOD, after thy great Goodneſs; according to the Multitude of thy Mercies do away mine Offences.

2. Waſh me thoroughly from my Wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my Sin.

3. For I acknowledge my Faults, and my Sin is ever before me.

4. Againſt thee only have I ſinned, and done this Evil in thy Sight, that thou mighteſt be juſtified in thy Saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5. Behold I was ſhapen in Wickedneſs; and in Sin hath my Mother conceived me.

6. But, lo! thou requireſt Truth in the inward Parts, and ſhalt make me to underſtand Wiſdom ſecretly.

7. Thou

7. Thou ſhalt purge me with Hyſſop, and I ſhall be clean; thou ſhalt waſh me, and I ſhall be whiter than Snow.

8. Thou ſhalt make me hear of Joy and Gladneſs; that the Bones which thou haſt broken may rejoice.

9. Turn thy Face from my Sins, and put out all my Miſdeeds.

10. Make me a clean Heart, O GOD; and renew a right Spirit within me.

11. Caſt me not away from thy Preſence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

12. O give me the Comfort of thy Help again, and ſtabliſh me with thy free Spirit.

13. Then ſhall I teach thy Ways unto the Wicked, and Sinners ſhall be converted unto thee.

14. Deliver me from Blood-Guiltineſs, O GOD, thou that art the GOD of my Health; and my Tongue ſhall ſing of thy Righteouſneſs.

15. Thou ſhalt open my Lips, O Lord, and my Mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy Praiſe.

16. For thou deſireſt no Sacrifice, elſe would I give it thee; but thou delighteſt not in Burnt-Offerings.

17. The Sacrifice of GOD is a troubled Spirit; a broken and a contrite Heart, O GOD, thou wilt not deſpiſe.

18. O be favourable and gracious unto *Sion*, build thou the Walls of *Jeruſalem*.

19. Then

19. Then ſhalt thou be pleaſed with the Sacrifice of Righteouſneſs, with the Burnt-Offerings and Oblations; then ſhall they offer young Bullocks upon thine Altar.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

Then theſe following Collects.

1. O Bleſſed Jeſus, who didſt take upon thee *our Nature*, and didſt ſuffer Death upon the Croſs for our *Redemption*, and haſt commanded us to *continue the Memory* of this thy precious *Death*, 'till thy *Coming again*; O let not the ineſtimable Benefits of it be fruſtrated by my manifold and grievous Sins; but inſpire my Soul with thoſe Graces which may qualify me to receive them tendered unto me in this *Bleſſed Sacrament*. O Lord, thou ſeeſt that I have no Power of myſelf to help myſelf; O let the Pitifulneſs of thy great Mercy looſe me from the Chains of thoſe Sins wherewith I am tied and bound; that, being thus ſet at Liberty, I may here with Cheerfulneſs run the Way of thy Commandments, and hereafter enter into thy Joy, O bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

2. THOU, O GOD and Saviour, knoweſt how vile I am, and with what Eagerneſs I have purſued the Paths that lead unto

unto everlaſting Death: How often hath *this Feaſt* been *prepared*, I lovingly *bid*, and *called* thereto; but have with frivolous Excuſes abſented myſelf? Or, if I have come, I have brought ſuch *Troops* of thy profeſſed Enemies, *unrepented Sins*, along with me, as if I came, not to adore, but to defy thee; not to commemorate, but to renew thy Paſſion? I am not worthy, O Lord, I am not worthy to come into thy Preſence, much leſs to *eat the Fleſh* of the ſacrificed Lamb: For my Sins, *O bleſſed Jeſu*, went along in Confederation with the *High-Prieſts*, in Treachery with *Judas*, in Injuſtice with *Pilate*, in Malice and Cruelty with the *People*. O what Puniſhment then ſhall I be thought worthy of, who have thus trampled under Foot the *Son of GOD*, and counted the *Blood of the Covenant* an unholy Thing? Where ſhall I, vile Wretch, appear, who have put my LORD to Death, who have crucified to myſelf the SON of GOD afreſh, and put *Thee* to an open Shame? Where ſhould I appear, but before my *Saviour*, who hath loved and died for me, though I have hated and murdered him? Thy Blood, O *Jeſu*, is my only Refuge; O let the Cry of it ſpeak on my Behalf; and may it ſpeak better Things than the Blood of *Abel*. Be merciful unto me; O GOD, be merciful unto me; for my Soul truſteth in thee; and in the *Clefts of thy Wounds* ſhall be my Refuge, until thy Father's Indignation

Indignation be over-paſt. O bleſſed *Advocate* and *Mediator*, intercede for me, with *thy Father and ours*, thy GOD and ours; and grant that by the Grace which thou haſt found, by the Prerogative which thou haſt deſerved, by the Mercy which thou haſt purchaſed for me, as thou haſt been Partaker of my Sufferings and Infirmities, ſo I, by thy Death and Reſurrection, and by thy infinite gracious Interceſſion, may be made Partaker of thy Holineſs, and thy Glory, even for thine own Merit's Sake. *Amen.*

3. O Lord, who haſt promiſed, that, if I open my Mouth wide, thou wilt fill it; I pray thee *to open it*, and not my Mouth only, but my Heart alſo. O create in thy Servant a greater Hunger and Thirſt after the Things of thy Kingdom, and the Righteouſneſs of it, after all the Holy Graces, and all the Holy Miniſtries of Grace; that I may long for the Bread of Heaven, thirſt after the Fountain of Salvation; and as the Heart panteth after the Water-Brooks, ſo my Soul may deſire thee, O Lord. O kindle ſuch an Holy Flame in my Soul, that it may conſume all my Sins and curſed Affections, that I may never again defile the Place which thou haſt choſen for thy Temple. Thou didſt die, *O dear Jeſu*, to redeem me from Iniquity; O let me not again ſell myſelf to work Wickedneſs. I am a Sinner,

ner, a grievous one, not worthy to look up to Heaven; but be thou pleaſed to look down into the Duſt, and lift up a Sinner from the Dunghill; let me not periſh in my Folly, or be conſumed in thy heavy Diſpleaſure. Give me Time and Space to repent, and give me the Powers of Grace; that as by thy Holy Inſpiration I do ſincerely and fixedly reſolve on an entire Reformation, ſo by thy merciful Guidance I may faithfully perform the ſame. *Amen.*

4. O Thou great Phyſician of Souls, heal me of thoſe many and foul Diſeaſes, which my Soul groans under. Grant that I may now ſo touch thee, that every one of thoſe loathſome Iſſues may immediately ſtanch; that theſe Sickneſſes may not be unto Death, but to the Glory of thy Mercy in pardoning, to the Glory of thy Grace in purifying ſo polluted a Wretch. *O Chriſt, hear me!* Inſpire me with an holy Zeal to mortify my Sins, ſupport me with an holy Hope, confirm me with an excellent and unreproveable Faith, and enkindle in me a never-failing Charity; let me judge myſelf, that I be not judged by thee; condemn myſelf, that I be not condemned with the World; but, receiving this *Holy Sacrament* with a penitent Heart, and a lively Faith, that I may partake of the great Benefits of it; I may dwell in Chriſt, and Chriſt

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in me; I may be one with Chriſt, and Chriſt with me. The Lord be merciful unto me, and grant this, for his own Bowels and Compaſſion Sake. *Amen.*

Then theſe Collects of Interceſſion.

MErciful GOD, who haſt made all Men, and wouldeſt not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould turn from his Wickedneſs and live; to which Purpoſe thou haſt ſent thy Son out of thy Boſom, to ſuffer Death upon the Croſs for our Redemption; look down in Mercy and Pity upon *poor Mankind*, whoſe Portion is Folly and Miſery, Shame and Death. Bring all Sinners to Repentance; enlighten all that ſit in Darkneſs; all *Jews*, *Turks*, *Infidels*, *Hereticks*, and *Schiſmaticks*. Take from them all Blindneſs, Hardneſs of Heart, and Contempt of thy Word and Commandment; and ſo fetch them Home, bleſſed Lord, unto thy Fold, that they may be ſaved among the Remnant of the true *Iſraelites*, and be made *One Flock*, under *One Shepherd*, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GRacious Lord, I do more eſpecially humbly preſent to thy Divine Majeſty this glorious Sacrifice, which thy bleſſed Son made upon the Croſs in the Behalf of all Chriſtians throughout the World. Give unto them all, O GOD, a Portion of all the good Prayers which

which are made in Heaven and Earth, the Interceſſion of our Lord, and the Supplications of all thy Servants. O let us walk worthy of that holy Vocation wherewith we are called: Let us, who name the Name of Chriſt, depart from Iniquity, and unite us in the Bonds of the *Common Faith*, and an holy Charity, that no Intereſts or Partialties, no Sects or Opinions, may keep us any longer in Darkneſs and Diviſion; but that we may with one Mind, and one Mouth, glorify thee, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O Father of Mercies, be merciful to this *miſerable divided Church* in which we live; according to all thy Righteouſneſs, let thine Anger be turned away from us; let Religion and Virtue ſeaſon all Sorts of Men therein; forgive us all our Sins; turn thee unto us, and bleſs us, that the World may ſay, Bleſſed is this People whoſe GOD is the Lord *Jehovah*, and bleſſed are the Folk whom he hath choſen to him to be his Inheritance. Lord, hear, and cauſe thy Face to ſhine upon this thy Sanctuary, which is thus ſadly deſolate, for the Lord's Sake. *Amen.*

O King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, give, I pray thee, the Spirit of Government and Holineſs to all Chriſtian Kings, Princes, and Governors, eſpecially to thy Servant our

our King; grant that his People may obey him, and he may obey thee, and live in Honeſty and Peace, Juſtice and holy Religion, being a *Nurſing Father* to the Church, an Advocate for the Oppreſſed, a Patron for the Widows, and Sanctuary for the Miſerable and Fatherleſs; that he may reign with thee for ever in the Kingdom of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O Thou Fountain of all Goodneſs, be pleaſed to bleſs his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, the Duke, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with all Heavenly Graces anſwerable to their Births, make them Inſtruments of thy Glory here, and Partakers of thy Glory hereafter. *Amen.*

O GOD, who alone workeſt great Marvels, be gracious unto all thoſe who wait at thine *Altar*, the *Biſhops* and all the *Clergy*: Open thou their Lips, that their Mouths may ſhew forth thy Praiſe: Inſpire them with Holineſs and Diligence to preach and declare thy Will, by good Lives, and wiſe Diſcourſes, that they may miniſter to the Good of all Souls, and find a glorious Reward in the Day of the Lord Jeſus. *Amen.*

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O Merciful GOD, be merciful in ſuccouring *all* that are *in Affliction*; deliver the *Out-caſt* and *Poor*, *help them to Right that ſuffer Wrong*; let the ſorrowful Sighing of the Priſoners come before thee; and according to the Greatneſs of thy Power preſerve thou thoſe that are appointed to die: Be merciful unto all who are juſt now breathing out their laſt; grant Eaſe to thoſe that are in Pain, Supply to thoſe that ſuffer Want; and to all wicked Perſons give thy Grace, that they may ſpeedily repent and live well, and be ſaved, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

HAVE Mercy, and pour down thy Bleſſings, O GOD, upon (my *Father*, *Mother*, and all other) my *Relations*, *Friends* and *Benefactors* *. Grant unto them whatſoever they want, or wiſely and holily deſire; keep them for ever in thy Fear and Favour, and let their Portion be in the Bleſſing, and in the Service, in the Love, and in the Kingdom of GOD, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

* *Here mention thoſe who are ſo.*

O Lord, I beſeech thee, forgive my Enemies all their Sins againſt thee and me; and give me that Meaſure of thy Grace, that for their Hatred I may love them, for their Curſing I may bleſs them, for their Injuries I may

may do them good, and for their Perſecution I may pray for them. Lord, I pray for them; forgive them, for they know not what they do. *Amen.*

FINALLY, O Lord, I pray to thee for all thoſe who ſhall this Day be my *Companions* at the *Altar*, and for all others who do now *communicate* in any Part of *Chriſtendom*; that, through this Blood of the Croſs, we may all be cleanſed from our Sins, aad be preſented pure, and unblameable, and unreproveable in thy Sight; for the Sake of Jeſus Chriſt, whom I adore, whom I love, and deſire I may ſtill more and more love, and love for ever. *Amen, Amen.*

OUR *Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil.* Amen.

THE Lord bleſs and preſerve me in *my Going out*, and *my Coming in*, from this Time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

Having thus finiſhed your *Cloſet Devotions*, you go forth to the *Church* or *Chapel* faſting, that ſo a Portion

tion from GOD's Table may be the *firſt Morſel*; and remember to take ſomething out of your *Store* to preſent at the *Offertory*.

When you enter into the *Church*, kneel, and pray:

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil; for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LORD, I have loved the *Habitation of thy Houſe*, and the Place where thine Honour dwelleth. I will waſh my Hands in Innocency, O Lord; and ſo will I go to thine *Altar*.

Having ſeated yourſelf, turn to the *Pſalms* and *Leſſons*, *Epiſtle* and *Goſpel* for the Day, that you may more freely attend the *Prieſt* in *reading* them.

Sermon ended, you go up to the *Altar*, and, *proſtrate* before it, ſay:

THOU art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, and Honour, and Power; for thou haſt created all Things, and for thy Will's Sake they are, and were created.

BLESSING,

BLESING, and Glory, and Wiſdom, and Thanks, and Honour, and Power, be unto our GOD, and unto the Lamb, for evermore. *Amen.*

Then, whilſt others are coming up, and the *Prieſt* preparing to read the *Sentences*, pray.

ALmighty Lord, who haſt of thine infinite Mercies vouchſafed to ordain *this Sacrament* for a perpetual Memory of that *bleſſed Sacrifice*, which once thou madeſt for us upon the Croſs; grant me, with ſuch diligent Remembrance, and ſuch due Reverence, to participate of this ſo holy and wonderful a Myſtery, that I may be made worthy by thy Grace to obtain all the Virtue and Fruits of the ſame, with all the Benefits of thy precious Death and Paſſion, even the Remiſſion of all my Sins, and the Fulneſs of all thy Graces; which I beg for thy only Merits, who art my only Saviour, GOD from Everlaſting, and World without End. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlaſting GOD, regard, we beſeech thee, the Devotions of thy humble Servants, who do now celebrate the *Memorial* which thy Son and our Saviour hath commanded to be made in *Remembrance of his moſt bleſſed Paſſion and*

and Sacrifice, that by the Merits and Power thereof, now repreſented before thy Divine Majeſty, we, and all thy *whole Church*, may be made Partakers of all other the Benefits of his moſt precious Death and Reſurrection from the Earth, and glorious Aſcenſion into Heaven, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one GOD, World without End. *Amen.*

BE pleaſed, O GOD, to accept this our bounden Duty and Service, and command that the Prayers and Supplications, together with the *Remembrance* of Chriſt's Paſſion, which we do now offer up unto thee, may, by the *Miniſtry of the Holy Angels*, be brought upon into thy Heavenly Tabernacle; and that thou, not weighing our Merits, but looking upon the *bleſſed Sacrifice* of our Saviour, which was once fully and perfectly made for us all, mayeſt pardon our Offences, and repleniſh us with thy Grace and heavenly Benediction, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Whilſt, upon your *Knees*, you caſt in your *Offering*, ſtop and ſay:

BLeſſed *Jeſu*, who didſt accept the poor Widow's *two Mites*, be pleaſed graciouſly to accept this from thine unworthy Servant. *Amen.*

The Prayers beginning again, you muſt join with the Congregation; and heeding every Paſſage, let your Heart go along with it: Keep your Mind attentive, not only to the Words and Subſtance of the Prayers and Exhortations, but alſo to every Paſſage and particular *Ceremony* in the *Conſecration*, foraſmuch as all of them have their Meaning and Reaſon.

Obſerve the *Prieſt* then *breaking the Bread*, and remember how Chriſt's bleſſed *Body was torn with Nails* upon the Croſs: Obſerve him *pouring out the Wine*, and remember how his precious *Blood was ſpilt* likewiſe: And then conſider they were your Sins which cauſed both; which ſhould work in you a great Sorrow for them, and then a great Hatred, and a firm Reſolution againſt them; and withal, engage you to Thankfulneſs and Love, reſolving to expreſs it by an univerſal Obedience in your Converſation. Again,

Obſerve the *People* too, *taking* and *eating the Bread*, *taking* and *drinking the Wine*; for it ſignifies their particular *laying hold on Chriſt by Truſt* and *Faith*; their flying to, and apprehending him, as the Means of their Salvation, and the Pardon of their Sins tendered to them in this bleſſed Sacrament.

When the Prieſt repeateth that comfortable Saying of St. *Paul*, *This is a faithful Saying, and worthy of all Acceptation, that Chriſt Jeſus came into the World to ſave Sinners*, add (to yourſelf) with all poſſible Devotion and Humility, *of whom I am chief.*

And, if you have Time, while the *Prieſt* and *others* are *communicating*, uſe theſe or the like heavenly *Aſpirations:*

I Am

I Am now *before the Altar of* GOD, even the GOD of my Joy and Gladneſs.

I will offer *Thankſgiving* unto my GOD, and *pay my Vows* unto the moſt Higheſt.

O Lamb of GOD, that takeſt away the Sins of the World, *Grant me thy Peace!*

O Lamb of GOD, that takeſt away the Sins of the World, *Have Mercy upon me*

Grant me, gracious Lord, ſo to *eat the Fleſh* of thy Son, and to *drink his Blood*, that my *ſinful Body* may be made clean by his *Body*, and my *Soul* waſhed through his moſt *precious Blood*. Amen.

O Lord, I am not worthy, nor fit that thou ſhouldeſt come under the filthy *Roof* of the Houſe of my Soul, becauſe it is wholly deſolate and ruinous; neither haſt thou with me a fit Place where to lay thy Head: But, as *thou* didſt vouchſafe to be laid in a *Stable* and *Manger* of unreaſonable Beaſts; as thou didſt not diſdain to be entertained even in the Houſe of *Simon* the Leper; as *thou* didſt not reject the *Harlot*, a Sinner like unto me, coming unto *thee*, and touching *thee*; as *thou* didſt not abhor her foul and prophane Mouth; nor yet the *Thief* on the Croſs, confeſſing *thee*; even ſo vouchſafe to admit *me alſo*, an overworn, miſerable, and out of meaſure *ſinful Creature*, to the *Receiving* and *Communicating* of the moſt

pure, quickening, and ſaving *Myſteries of thy moſt holy Body*, and *precious Blood*. Amen.

O Lord GOD, how I receive the *Body* and *Blood* of my moſt bleſſed Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*, the Price of my Redemption, is the very *Wonder of my Soul!* Yet, my moſt firm and *conſtant Belief* upon the *Words of my Saviour!* At this Time, they are graciouſly tendered to me, and my *Faith:* Lord, make me a worthy Receiver and Partaker of all the Benefits of this bleſſed Sacrament. *Amen.*

Upon the Approach of the Prieſt with the Conſecrated Bread, ſay:

THOU haſt ſaid, that he that *eateth thy Fleſh*, and *drinketh thy Blood*, hath eternal Life.

Behold the Servant of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy Word.

When the Prieſt offers thee the holy Bread, ſay ſoftly with him:

THE Body of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which was given for me, preſerve my Body and Soul unto everlaſting Life.

Then anſwer audibly:

Amen.

Whilſt

Whilſt you eat it:

BY thy *Crucified Body*, deliver me from *this Body of Death.*

After receiving:

BY thine *Agony* and *Bloody-Sweat*, by thy *Croſs* and *Paſſion*, good Lord, deliver me.

I have *ſworn*, and am *ſtedfaſtly purpoſed*, to keep thy righteous Judgments.

O hold thou up my Goings in thy Paths, that my Footſteps ſlip not.

Upon the Approach of the Prieſt with the Conſecrated Cup, ſay:

WHAT Reward ſhall I give unto the *Lord*, for all the Benefits that he hath done unto me? *I will take the Cup of Salvation*, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

When the Cup of Bleſſing is offered unto you, ſay in your Heart, with the greateſt Devotion that poſſibly you may:

THE Blood of our *Lord* Jeſus Chriſt, which was ſhed for me, preſerve my Body and Soul unto everlaſting Life.

Anſwering audibly:

Amen.

After you have received it.

O My GOD, thou art true and holy; O my Soul, thou art bleſſed and happy.

O the Depth of the Wiſdom and Knowledge of GOD! How incomprehenſible are his Judgments, and his Ways paſt finding out!

Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, praiſe his holy Name; who ſaveth thy Life from Deſtruction, and feedeth thee with the Bread of Heaven.

Glory be to GOD on High, and on Earth, Peace, Good-Will towards Men. I worſhip thee, O Lord, and magnify thy Name for ever, who haſt vouchſafed to fill my Soul with Gladneſs, and to feed me with the *Heavenly Myſteries of Chriſt's ſacred Body and Blood*, humbly beſeeching thee that from henceforth I may walk in good Works, and ſerve thee in Holineſs and Pureneſs of Living, to the Honour of thy Name. *Amen.*

MOST bleſſed Redeemer, I do truly believe that thy *Body was crucified*, and thy *Blood* was *ſhed* out of thy *Body*, as *verily* as I have received this *Bread*, and this *Wine* ſet *apart* from the *Bread*; and that for the *Remiſſion of my Sins*, as well as *any others*: And I do alſo believe, that with this *Bread* and *Wine* I have *really* and *ſpiritually* received thy *precious Body*

Body and *Blood*, whereby my Sins are fully waſhed away, and my Soul purified and refreſhed: This, O Lord, I believe; *help thou my Unbelief.* Amen.

The SONG *of* SIMEON.

1. LORD, now letteſt thou thy Servant depart in Peace, according to thy Word.

2. For mine Eyes have ſeen thy Salvation,

3. Which thou haſt prepared before the Face of all People;

4. To be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the Glory of thy People *Iſrael.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

PSALM CIII.

1. PRAISE the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, praiſe his holy Name.

2. Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits.

3. Who forgiveth all thy Sin, and healeth all thine Infirmities;

4. Who ſaveth thy Life from Deſtruction, and crowneth thee with Mercy and loving Kindneſs;

5. Who ſatisfieth thy Mouth with good Things, making thee Young and Luſty as an Eagle.

6. The Lord executeth Righteouſneſs and Judgment for all them that are oppreſſed with Wrong.

7. He ſhewed his Ways unto *Moſes*, his Works unto the Children of *Iſrael*.

8. The Lord is full of Compaſſion and Mercy, Long-ſuffering, and of great Goodneſs.

9. He will not be always chiding, neither keepeth he his Anger for ever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our Sins, nor rewarded us according to our Wickedneſſes.

11. For look how high the Heaven is, in Compariſon of the Earth; ſo great is his Mercy alſo towards them that fear him.

12. Look how wide alſo the Eaſt is from the Weſt; ſo far hath he ſet out Sins from us.

13. Yea, like as a Father pitieth his own Children, even ſo is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14. For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembreth that we are but Duſt.

15. The Days of Man are but as Graſs; for he flouriſheth as a Flower of the Field.

16. For as ſoon as the Wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the Place thereof ſhall know it no more.

17. But

17. But the merciful Goodneſs of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him, and his Righteouſneſs upon Children's Children.

18. Even upon ſuch as keep his Covenant, and think upon his Commandments to do them.

19. The Lord hath prepared his Seat in Heaven; and his Kingdom ruleth over all.

20. O praiſe the Lord, ye Angels of his, ye that excel in Strength, ye that fulfil his Commandment, and hearken unto the Voice of his Words.

21. O praiſe the Lord, all ye his Hoſts; ye Servants of his that do his Pleaſure.

22. O ſpeak good of the Lord, all ye Works of his; in all Places of his Dominion, praiſe thou the Lord, O my Soul.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

Whilſt others are communicating, *meditate*, and ſay:

HAPPY are thoſe *Servants*, whom, when their Lord cometh, he ſhall *find thus doing*.

Know ye not, that ye are the *Temple of GOD*, and that the Spirit of GOD dwelleth in you?

If any one *defile the Temple of* GOD, him will GOD deſtroy.

Behold, thou art *made whole*; *ſin no more*, leſt a *worſe Thing* happen unto thee.

The Hour cometh, and now is, that the true Worſhippers ſhall worſhip the Father in Spirit and in Truth.

Be we Followers of GOD, as dear Children; and walk in Love, as Chriſt loved us, and gave himſelf an *Offering* and a *Sacrifice* of a ſweet Savour unto GOD for us.

This holy Communion requires from us the greateſt Charity we can expreſs; therefore, if we have any Time between theſe Ejaculations and the Poſt-Communion, it would be highly religious to pray for thoſe who are yet to communicate of one or both Kinds, ſaying AMEN to the Words of the Prieſt, when he gives the Sacrament to any one, as well as to yourſelf. And this Act of your Charity, in praying for others, will render your own Prayers and Services the more holy and acceptable to GOD, and effectual to your Soul's Health: For he that prays for himſelf alone, reaps only the ſingle Benefit of his own ſingle Devotion; but whoſo devoutly prays for others, reaps the Fruits of the Prayers of others, which is the great Benefit of the *Communion of Saints.*

At the End of the *Communion*, ſay:

TO the King Eternal, the Immortal, Inviſible, and Only-wiſe GOD, the *Ever-bleſſed Trinity*, be all Honour and Glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Ariſing

Arising, and making your Reverence towards the *Altar*, you depart with a glad Heart and chearful Countenance. Preserve good Thoughts in your Mind; yet be not sullen or morose, but salute any of your Christian Brethren you meet with.

As soon as you come Home, retire into your Closet, and bless GOD with *these Collects* of *Thanksgiving:*

ALmighty GOD, the Fountain of all Goodness, from whom every good and perfect Gift proceedeth, and to whom all Glory and Honour should be returned; I do desire most heartily to *thank thee*, for that thou hast vouchsafed to feed me, who have received these holy *Mysteries*, with the *spiritual Food* of the most precious *Body* and *Blood* of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure me thereby of thy Favour and Goodness towards me; and that I am a *very Member incorporate* in the *mystical Body* of thy Son, which is the *blessed Company of all faithful People*; and am also an Heir, through Hope, of thine everlasting Kingdom, by the Merits of the most precious Death and Passion of thy dear Son. O the Height and Depth of that unspeakable Mercy of thine, who art pleased to admit me, a sinful Wretch, to have any Part in those inestimable Benefits, which I have so often despised and trampled under Foot! I am not worthy, O Lord, of that *daily Bread* which

ſuſtains the Body; but thou haſt made me Partaker of that *living Bread which came down from Heaven*, which nouriſheth the Soul, and of which whoſoever eateth, ſhall live for ever. O grant that my Soul may reliſh this Divine Food with ſpiritual Raviſhments and Love, great as the Flame of *Cherubims*; and grant that what thou haſt given me for the *Remiſſion of my Sins*, may not, by any Fault of mine, become the Increaſe of them; that this *Holy Communion* prove not unto me Judgment and Condemnation, but may ſupport and preſerve me in every Temptation, rejoice and quiet me in every Trouble, enlighten and ſtrengthen me in every good Word and Work, comfort and defend me in the Hour of my Death againſt all Oppoſitions of the Spirits of Darkneſs, and further me in the Attainment of Everlaſting Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

MOST Holy GOD, who art of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity, grant, I pray thee, that no unclean Thing may be in me, who have now *received* thee into my *Heart* and *Soul*; but let *this Blood* of Chriſt, who, through the *Eternal Spirit*, *offered* himſelf without Spot to thee, purge my Conſcience from dead Works, to ſerve thee the Living GOD. Give me Grace, that from henceforth I may put off, concerning my former Converſation,

ſation, *the old Man*, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful Luſts, and be renewed in the Spirit of my Mind; and that I may put on the *New Man*, which, after Thee, is created in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs: To which Purpoſe, be pleaſed to watch over me for Good, to keep me both outwardly in my Body, and inwardly in my Soul. O GOD, thou ſeeſt that I have no Power of myſelf, to help myſelf; thou knoweſt me alſo to be ſet in the midſt of ſo many and great Dangers, that by Reaſon of the *Frailty of my Nature*, I cannot always ſtand upright; grant to me ſuch Strength and Protection as may ſupport me in all Dangers, and carry me through all Temptations, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Thou, with whom is no Variableneſs, nor Shadow of Turning, let thy Holy Spirit direct me in all Things; let thy Grace always prevent, and follow me, and preſerve me againſt all Aſſaults of my ſpiritual Enemies, eſpecially of *my own treacherous Heart*, which is deceitful above all Things, wicked, *deſperately wicked*: O Lord, thou knoweſt it. How often hath it betray'd me on the Breach of thy holy Laws, to the Violation of all thoſe Vows and Promiſes which I have made to thee? How often have I turned my Back in the Day of Battle? O let me no more thus ſtart aſide like a broken Bow, but be ſtedfaſt, unmoveable, always

always abounding in the Work of the Lord, reſiſting the Devil, that he may flee from me; ſubduing my Fleſh, and bringing it into Subjection; crucifying and overcoming the World. And, therefore, let *theſe ſolemn Vows*, which I have now made, to forſake my Sins, never depart from my Mind; but let the Remembrance of them excite me to fight manfully under thy Banner, and continue thy faithful Servant and Soldier, unto my Life's End. *Amen.*

O Lord, I do here humbly preſent unto thee my *Soul* and *Body*, to be a living, holy, and *reaſonable Sacrifice* unto thee: I beſeech thee, ſanctify my *Body*, that, from a polluted *Dunghill*, it may become the *Temple of GOD*. Sanctify my Soul; and receive it for thy *Dwelling Place*, the Seat of thy Spirit, and an Houſe of Prayer and Holy Meditation. Sanctify me *throughout*, that both my *Body*, and *Soul*, and *Spirit*, may be preſerved *blameleſs* unto the *Coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt*; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, World without End. *Amen.*

Thus have you *cloſed* your *Communion-Devotions*; it only remains that you beſtow the *greateſt Part* of the *Afternoon* in *reading*, *praying*, *meditating*, *good Conferences*, and the like: And when your Condition calls you to your uſual Converſes, you are ſtill

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to remember, you have a great Buſineſs which lies upon your Hands, which is, the Performance of thoſe Promiſes you have now made to GOD; to which Purpoſe frequently *recall* them to Mind; and let the *Remembrance* of them be your *Refuge* againſt all *Temptations* to your *old Sins*, whenever they aſſault you; knowing what a grievous Thing it is to break that Vow which you have *ſealed* in your *Saviour's Blood*, and to have that *Blood*, through which only you can have Pardon, to witneſs againſt you; *which GOD forbid.*

To your *Evening Prayers* that *Sunday* Night, immediately before the *Bleſſing*, ſubjoin this *Collect:*

O Bleſſed JESUS, who haſt this Day made me a *Partaker* of thy *Bleſſed Body* and *Blood*; thy *Mercy* hath given it, and my *Faith* hath *received* it into my Soul: O let me ever feel the happy Virtue and Effects of it: Put thy Fear into my Heart, *to keep thoſe Vows* and *Promiſes* which I have on this Solemnity rendered unto thee in my Mind, that I may not ſin againſt thee: Enrich me with all thoſe Graces which come from thy *precious Body* and *Blood*, and hereafter bring me to thine everlaſting Glory, for thy Merits and Mercies ſake. *Amen.*

Thus, not to detain you longer, I have recommended to you the aforeſaid Devotions, to be uſed on the *Friday* in every *Month* which precedes a *Communion*, (eſpecially the *Fridays* before the three ſolemn Times which our Church hath conſecrated

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to this bleſſed Purpoſe, *Chriſtmas*, *Eaſter*, and *Whitſunday*,) ſuppoſing that your Health, and important Occaſions will permit it; otherwiſe you are not obliged to the Strictneſs of them, though you are obliged to receive this *Sacrament* whenſoever an Opportunity offers itſelf.

To capacitate you to be a *worthy Communicant* at all *Times*, I do laſtly, and heartily adviſe you, to maintain a conſtant Courſe of daily *Prayers* at Morning and Evening throughout the Year, every *Night recalling* the *Actions of the paſt Day*, and repenting for the Sins of it; the Practice whereof will fit you for the *Communion* at *any Time*, when it is occaſionly tendered to you, I mean, when you are ſuddenly called to *communicate* with a *dying Perſon*, or come accidentally into a *Congregation*, where it is to be *received*, and all fit Gueſts are invited to it; in thoſe Caſes, you are by no Means to turn your Back upon it, but beſtowing that little Time which is before you in *recollecting*, *repenting*, *exerting* your *Faith*, *Love*, *Thankfulneſs*, &c. omitting nothing of the *Strictneſs* which is required in the *Act* of *receiving*, and *performing afterwards* to your Power what you ſecretly promiſed, receive it with the reſt, in the Name of GOD, beginning with the *Prayers* before mentioned, (*p.* 72.) which are to be ſaid whilſt the *Prieſt* is preparing to *read* the *Sentences*:

Almighty Lord, who haſt of thine infinite Mercies vouchſafed, *&c.*

But this I adviſe, on Suppoſal you carry about with you ſuch an *habitual Preparation* which is acquired by keeping a *ſtrict Courſe of daily private Devotions*, and a conſtant Watchfulneſs over yourſelf; otherwiſe you ſin greatly. However, be careful to,

communicate, whenever you are *ſolemnly invited to it*, i. e. *at leaſt every Month*, and with due *Remembrance* of him whoſe *Death* you do hereby ſhew forth till he come.

GOD Almighty make you a worthy *Participant* of his *Body* and *Blood* here, that you may for ever enjoy him hereafter. *Amen.*

DEVOTIONS *for* MORNING; *which begin with Proſtration, and ſaying:*

AT the *Name of Jeſus*, GOD bleſſed for ever, let every *Knee bow*, both of Things in Heaven, Things in Earth, and Things under the Earth.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, moſt High.

Then, upon your *Knees*, ſay:

GOD be in my *Head*, and in my *Underſtanding*, that I may know in this my Day the Things which do concern my everlaſting Peace.

GOD be in my *Eyes*, and in my *Seeing*, that they may be always looking up to thy Mercy-Seat, and that they be not as ſo many *Caſements* to let in *Vanity*.

GOD be in my *Mouth*, and in my *Speaking*, to guard and fence it from *idle Words*, and tha

that it may at no Time be a Door, to let out *Folly*.

GOD be in my *Ears*, and in my *Hearing*, that they may be always open to ſound and wholeſome Counſels, and deaf to corrupt and filthy Communications.

GOD be in my *Heart*, and in my *Thinking*; to preſerve it from being a Sink of Uncleanneſs, and that it may never be ſuffered either to flatter me, or deceive others.

GOD be at my *End*, and at my *Departing*; that ſo my *Death* may be *precious* in the Sight of the Lord, with whom I pray that I may live for evermore. *Amen.* And ſo,

PREVENT me, O Lord, in all my Doings, with thy moſt gracious Favour, and further me with thy continual Help, that in all my Works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorify thy Holy Name, and finally, by thy Mercy, obtain everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil. Amen.

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My Voice ſhalt thou hear betimes, O Lord; early in the Morning will I direct my Prayer unto thee, and will look up.

O Lord, open thou my *Lips*;
And my *Mouth* ſhall ſhew forth thy Praiſe.
O GOD, make ſpeed to ſave me.
O Lord, make haſte to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

PSALM XCV.

1. O Come, let us ſing unto the Lord, let us heartily rejoice in the Strength of our Salvation.

2. Let us come before his Preſence with Thankſgiving, and ſhew ourſelves glad in him with Pſalms.

3. For the Lord is a great GOD, and a great King above all Gods.

4. In his Hand are all the Corners of the Earth, and the Strength of the Hills is his alſo.

5. The Sea is his, and he made it; and his Hands prepared the dry Land.

6. O come, let us worſhip, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For he is the Lord our GOD, and we are the People of his Paſture, and the Sheep of his Hand.

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8. To Day, if you will hear his Voice, harden not your Hearts, as in the Provocation, and as in the Day of Temptation in the Wilderneſs;

9. When your Fathers tempted me, proved me, and ſaw my Works.

10. Forty Years long was I grieved with this Generation, and ſaid, It is a People that do err in their Hearts, for they have not known my Ways.

11. Unto whom I ſware in my Wrath, that they ſhould not enter into my Reſt.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

After which, read one or more of *David*'s Pſalms in Order, beginning with the *Firſt*, and ſo onward, concluding each Pſalm with,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, World without End. Amen.

Then a Chapter out of the *Proverbs of Solomon*, or the *New-Teſtament*; and after that:

WE praiſe thee, O GOD; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the Earth doth worſhip thee, the Father Everlaſting.

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To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee, *Cherubim* and *Seraphim* continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord GOD of Sabaoth.

Heaven and Earth are full of the Majeſty of thy Glory.

The glorious Company of the Apoſtles praiſe thee.

The goodly Fellowſhip of the Prophets praiſe thee.

The Noble Army of Martyrs praiſe thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the World doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an Infinite Majeſty;

Thine honourable true, and only Son;

Alſo the Holy Ghoſt, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Chriſt.

Thou art the everlaſting Son of the Father.

When thou tookeſt upon thee to deliver Man, thou didſt not abhor the Virgin's Womb.

When thou hadſt overcome the Sharpneſs of Death, thou didſt open the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers.

Thou ſitteſt at the Right Hand of GOD, in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou ſhalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy Servants, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in Glory everlaſting.

O Lord, ſave thy People, and bleſs thine Heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by Day, we magnify thee;

And we worſhip thy Name ever, World without End.

Vouchſafe, O Lord, to keep us this Day without Sin.

O Lord, have Mercy upon us, have Mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy Mercy lighten upon us, as our Truſt is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I truſted, let me never be confounded.

Then the Creed.

I *Believe in GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin* Mary, *ſuffered under* Pontius Pilate, *was crucified, dead, and buried: He deſcended into Hell; the third Day He roſe again from the Dead; He aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the Right Hand of GOD the Father Almighty; from thence he ſhall come to judge the Quick and the Dead. I believe in the Holy*

Holy Ghoſt, the Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveneſs of Sins, the Reſurrection of the Body, and the Life everlaſting. Amen.

OUR *Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil.* Amen.

BLESSING, and Honour, and Glory, and Power, be unto him that ſitteth on the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

GLORY be to GOD on High, on Earth, Peace, Good-Will towards Men: I praiſe thee, I bleſs thee, I worſhip thee, I glorify thee; I give Thanks to thee for thy great Glory and Goodneſs, O Lord GOD, Heavenly King, GOD the Father Almighty, for thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt*, manifeſted in the Fleſh, to deſtroy the Works of the Devil, and who is the Fountain of all thoſe Mercies, both ſpiritual and temporal, ſo freely and plentifully beſtowed on me, thy moſt unworthy Creature, from Time to Time; particularly, that thou haſt protected me this laſt Night from all Perils, ghoſtly and

and bodily, and brought me to ſee the Light of another Day; whereas, thou mighteſt juſtly have ſuffered me to ſleep in Death, by Reaſon of thoſe manifold and heinous Sins wherewith I have from Time to Time offended thy Divine Majeſty. I have ſinned, and what ſhall I ſay unto thee, O thou *Preſerver of Man?* I have left undone thoſe Things which I ought to have done; and I have done thoſe Things which I ought not to have done; and there is no Health in me: But thou, O Lord, have Mercy upon me, moſt miſerable Offender! O thou, who deſireſt not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he would turn from his Wickedneſs and live, *Have Mercy upon me!* Spare and reſtore me, who do here, in all Humility, confeſs my Faults, and do deſire to be penitent for them. Have regard to thy *Bleſſed Son*, who is our *Advocate* with thee, O Father, and the *Propitiation* for all our Sins; for whoſe Sake mercifully grant unto me true Repentance, and the Aſſiſtance of thy *Holy Spirit*, which may teach and enable me to pleaſe thee hereafter in all Things, to deny Ungodlineſs and worldly Luſts, and to live godly, righteouſly, and ſoberly in this preſent World, that ſo at laſt I may come to thine Eternal Joy, through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty

ALmighty GOD, our heavenly Father, who, of thy great Mercy, haſt promiſed *Forgiveneſs* of Sins to all them that with hearty Repentance and true Faith turn unto thee, have Mercy upon me, pardon and deliver me from all my Sins, confirm and ſtrengthen me in all Goodneſs, and bring me unto everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlaſting GOD, who haſt ſafely brought me to the Beginning of this Day, preſerve me in the ſame, and all other Days of my Life, from all Sin and Danger; and by thy gracious Governance, diſpoſe all my Thoughts, Words, and Actions this Day to thy Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST gracious GOD, I humbly beſeech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, ſo eſpecially for him who is the ſupreme Governor thereof: O Lord, grant the King a long Life, that his Years may endure as *many Ages:* Furniſh him with ſafe and wiſe Counſels, and give him an Heart of Courage and Conſtancy to purſue them. O prepare thy loving Mercy and Faithfulneſs for him, that they may preſerve him: Let thy *Name, O GOD of Jacob,*

defend him: Send him *Help* from thy *Sanctuary*, and *ſtrengthen* him out of *Sion*; and let us, his Servants under thee, ſee with Joy, that thou wilt hear him from thy Holy Heaven, even with the wholeſome Strength of thy Right-hand; ſo will we always ſing Praiſes unto thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS, O Lord, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, the Duke, and all the Royal Family; proſper them with all Happineſs, and make them all inſtrumental to the Furtherance of thy Glory in this World, and bring them to thine everlaſting Kingdom in the World to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

GIVE Grace, O heavenly Father, to all *Biſhops* and *Curates*, eſpecially to *Him*, whom, by thy good Providence, thou haſt appointed my *Spiritual Paſtor and Guide*. Grant that I may reverence his Perſon, and have a Regard to his good and wholeſome Counſels; ſo that by him I may be conducted, and together with him enter into thine eternal Joy, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Creator, and Preſerver of all Mankind, I beſeech thee for all Sorts and Conditions of Men, and eſpecially for thy

holy *Catholick Church*, that one *Faith* may be *uniformly* profeſſed, as thy *Church* is, and can be but *One*; purge it from all *Atheiſm*, *Hereſy* and *Schiſm*; and grant that all they who do profeſs thy Holy Name, may agree in the Truth of thy Holy Word, and hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit, in the Bond of Peace, and in Righteouſneſs of Life, through him who is the only *Head* over all Things to his Church, *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD of Mercies, and Father of Comforts, have Mercy, and comfort all thoſe who are any Ways afflicted or diſtreſſed in Mind, Body, or Eſtate; relieve them according to their ſeveral Neceſſities, give them Patience under their Sufferings, and an happy Iſſue out of all their Afflictions, for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

GRacious Lord, bleſs all thoſe who are near or dear unto me, and make them near and dear to thine own ſelf: All my * *Kindred*, other my *Friends*, *Acquaintance*, and *Benefactors*, particularly †. Forgive me and them all our Sins, and continue us thy Servants in Life and Death. *Amen.*

* *Here inſert your neareſt Relations.*

† *Here particularize who you think fit.*

THE Lord fulfil the Deſires and Petitions of thy Servant, as may be moſt expedient for me! The Lord bleſs me, and keep me! The Lord lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me, and give me Peace, both now and evermore! *Amen.*

PRAYERS *for the* EVENING.

O Lord, I do again humbly preſent myſelf before thee; let my Prayers be ſet forth in thy Sight as the *Incenſe*, and the lifting up of my Hands be an *Evening Sacrifice*, even for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

OUR *Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil; for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.* Amen.

Then read a *Pſalm*; which conclude with,

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

After

After that a *Chapter* out of the *New Teſtament*; at the End of which ſay:

LORD, now letteſt thou thy Servant depart in Peace according to thy Word.

For mine Eyes have ſeen thy Salvation.

Which thou haſt prepared before the Face of all People:

To be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the Glory of thy People *Iſrael.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

After which, devoutly repeat your Creed.

I *Believe in* GOD, *the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin* Mary, *ſuffered under* Pontius Pilate, *was crucified, dead, and buried: He deſcended into Hell; the third Day He roſe again from the Dead; He aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the Right Hand of* GOD *the Father Almighty; from thence he ſhall come to judge the Quick and the Dead. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt, the Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveneſs of Sins, the Reſurrection of the Body, and the Life everlaſting.* Amen.

The Lord be with me. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil. Amen.

ALmighty and moſt merciful Father, tho' a moſt ſevere and juſt Judge to all obſtinate and impenitent Sinners; I acknowledge and bewail my manifold Sins and Wickedneſs, which I from Time to Time moſt grievouſly have committed in Thought, Word, and Deed, againſt thy Divine Majeſty. I have ſinned; and what ſhall I do unto thee, O thou Preſerver of Man? I have left undone thoſe Things, which I ought to have done; and I have done thoſe Things which I ought not to have done; and there is no Health in me: But thou, O Lord, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Offender! O GOD, who deſireſt not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould turn from his Wickedneſs and live, have Mercy upon me! Spare and reſtore me, who deſire in all Humility to confeſs my Faults, and be penitent for them: Have Regard to thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt*, who is our *Advocate* with thee, and the *Propitiation* for all our Sins; for whoſe Sake grant me true Repentance, and the Aſſiſtance

tance of thy *Holy Spirit*, to pleaſe thee hereafter in all Things, to teach and enable me to deny all Ungodlineſs and Worldly Luſts, and to live ſoberly, godly, and righteouſly, in this preſent evil World, that ſo at laſt I may come to thine eternal Joy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty GOD, our heavenly Father, who of thy great Mercy haſt promiſed *Forgiveneſs* of Sins to all them that with hearty Repentance and true Faith turn unto thee, have Mercy upon me: Pardon and deliver me from all my Sins, confirm and ſtrengthen me in all Goodneſs, and bring me to everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting GOD, who haſt commanded me to pray for *all Men*; I humbly beſeech thee moſt mercifully to receive theſe my Prayers, which I offer unto thy Divine Majeſty; beſeeching thee to inſpire continually the *Univerſal Church*, and eſpecially *that Part of it in theſe Kingdoms*, with the Spirit of Truth, Unity, and Concord: Bleſs him who is ſupreme Governor over it, our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord the King: Treaſure up in him all thy hidden Bleſſings; make and keep him a devoted Servant unto thee, a conſtant Patron of thy Church and

Truth; that he may live long, and be full of honourable Succeſs all his Days. Bleſs him in his Perſon, in his Actions and his Iſſue, in his Servants, and in his People: And, this Life ended, crown him with *everlaſting Glory*. Under him, bleſs the whole State, Eccleſiaſtical and Civil, that Righteouſneſs and Peace may kiſs each other, and we may ſerve and honour thee for ever. *Amen.*

O Lord, bleſs all the afflicted Members of the Body of thy Son, whereſoever, and howſoever diſtreſſed: Send them conſtant Patience, and ſpeedy Deliverance, as ſeems beſt to thee, and is beſt for them; and do unto them according to all thoſe Mercies, which I would, or ſhould deſire thou ſhouldeſt ſhew to my own Soul, if at any Time thou ſhalt be pleaſed to make my Eſtate as theirs is at this preſent; and then, O Lord, be merciful. *Amen.*

GRacious GOD, bleſs all the Places to which thou haſt made me have any near Relation, every Soul contained in them, all my Friends, Kindred, and Acquaintance; any to whom thou haſt made me any Way obliged, eſpecially my *Father*, *Mother*, &c. Lord, I beſeech thee, forgive me and them all our Sins, and continue us thy Servants both in Life and Death, making us doubly dear unto each other,

other, both in the Fleſh, and in the Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty GOD, Father of all Mercies, I thine unworthy Servant, do give thee moſt humble and hearty Thanks for all thy Goodneſs and loving Kindneſs beſtowed on me. Above all, for the *Redemption* of the World by our LORD JESUS CHRIST; in Him, for the Means of Grace, and for the Hope of Glory: For all the Bleſſings of this Life; for thy Creating, and for thy Protection of me all my Days; and particularly, that, *this Day paſt*, thou haſt preſerved me in my Health, and *aſſiſted me in my Devotions* *. Give me, I beſeech thee, a due Senſe of theſe thy Mercies, and Grace and Power to expreſs it by an Obedience to all thy Commandments. Go on to preſerve, and take me into thy Protection this Night: Lighten my Darkneſs, O GOD, and by thy great Mercy defend me from all Perils and Dangers of this Night, for the Love of thy only Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

* *Or prospered me in my Affairs.*

THE Lord fulfil all the Deſires and Petitions of thy Servant, as may be moſt expedient for me. The Lord bleſs me, and keep me. The Lord lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me, and give me Peace, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Shorter Prayers for Servants or any others who may be engaged in neceſſary Affairs.

For the Morning.

PRAISED be the Lord, from the Riſing up of the Sun, unto the Going down of the ſame.

Thou art my GOD, and I will thank thee: Thou art my GOD, and I will praiſe thee, who haſt lightened mine Eyes, that I ſlept not in Death; haſt delivered me from the Terrors of the Night, and from the Evil that walketh in Darkneſs; who reneweſt thy Mercies to me every Morning, and haſt given me one Day more to ſerve thee, and call upon thy Name. I laid me down and ſlept, and roſe up again, for thou, Lord, only makeſt me to dwell in Safety. To thee, therefore, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, the bleſſed, glorious, and undivided Trinity, be Honour and Glory, this Day, and for evermore. *Amen.*

I Will ariſe, and go to my Father, and will ſay unto him, FATHER, I have ſinned againſt Heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy Son; but turn thee

thee unto me, and have Mercy upon me: Remember not mine Iniquities, nor the Iniquities of my Forefathers, neither take thou Vengeance of my Sins. Have Regard to thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, who had no Regard to his own Life, but laid it down on the Croſs for me: And in him, and for his Sake, be reconciled unto me. *Amen.*

ENTER not into Judgment with thy Servant, *O Lord*; for, if thou ſhouldeſt be *extreme to mark what I have done amiſs*, what would become of me? For of ſo many Millions of Sins that I have committed, I cannot anſwer thee one of a Thouſand. But, O thou, who haſt revealed it to me, as *a faithful Saying, that* JESUS CHRIST *came into the World to ſave Sinners*, ſave me, O ſave me, who am the *chiefeſt* of them: Waſh away all my Sins in his Blood, bury them in his Grave, that they may never riſe up in this World to ſhame me, or in the World to come to condemn me. *Amen.*

THOU haſt been my Succour, leave me not, neither forſake me, *O GOD of my Salvation*; but go on to create in me a clean Heart, a new and contrite Heart, and to renew a right Spirit within me. Give me thy *Holy Spirit*, to think and do always ſuch Things as be rightful, that I, who cannot do any Thing

that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy Will, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preſerver of all Mankind, I humbly beſeech thee for all *Sorts* and *Conditions of Men*; *eſpecially* for thy Holy Catholick Church; for that Part of it in theſe Kingdoms; for him who is the ſupreme Governor thereof, our dread Sovereign Lord the King, and all the Royal Family; for the whole State, Eccleſiaſtical and Civil; for all thoſe who are any Way afflicted or diſtreſſed in Mind, Body, or Eſtate; for all my Relations, Friends, and Benefactors; *particularly*, *&c.* Endue them all with heavenly Gifts, anſwerable to their reſpective Places and Callings; guide them with thy Counſel here, and hereafter bring them unto Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

DEFEND me, O GOD, under thy Wings, and keep me ſafe *this Day* under thy Feathers: Give thine Angels Charge over me, to keep me in all my Ways: Set a Watch *this Day* before my Mouth, and keep the Door of my Lips. Turn away mine Eyes, that they behold not Vanity, and let not mine Heart be inclined to any evil Thing. Order my Steps in thy Word, that no Wickedneſs may

may have Dominion over me. Proſper thou the Work of my Hands unto me; O proſper thou my Handywork, and let thy merciful Kindneſs be this Day upon me, like as I do put my Truſt in thee, through the Merits of thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE Bleſſing of GOD Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, be with me, and all related to me, this Day, and for evermore. *Amen.*

A ſhort Prayer for the Evening.

O Praiſe the Lord, all ye his Servants, ye that by Night ſtand in the Houſe of the Lord: With theſe, O Lord, do I now lift up my Hands to thy Sanctuary, and will praiſe thy Name for all thy Mercies, *Spiritual* and

and *Temporal*, beſtowed on me in JESUS CHRIST, for this Day's Life and Protection, for withholding thoſe ſeveral Judgments which my Sins deſerved, for loading me with a Multitude of Bleſſings, which by Reaſon of my manifold Sins I have not deſerved. Forgive, O Lord, forgive them all, and increaſe thy Grace upon me evermore; let them not hinder thy Graces hereafter from *deſcending* down upon me, nor my Prayer, at this or any other Time, from *aſcending* up unto thee, as an acceptable Sacrifice, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

HAVE Mercy upon me, O GOD, after thy great Goodneſs, and according to the Multitude of thy Mercies do away mine Offences. Waſh me throughly from my Wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my Sin: For I acknowledge my Fault, and my Sin is ever before me. O thou, who haſt ſent thy Son into the World, not to call the *Righteous* but *Sinners* to Repentance, have Mercy upon me, and grant me true Repentance unto Life, never to be repented of, and which may bring me to thine eternal Joy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

KEEP me, O Lord, *thy poor humble Servant*, with thy perpetual Mercy: And becauſe the Frailty of Man, without thee, cannot

not but fall, preſerve me ever by thy Help from all Things hurtful, and lead me to all Things profitable to my Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who wouldeſt have all to be ſaved, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth, have Mercy upon all Men: Bleſs every Member of the Univerſal Church, eſpecially that Part of it in this Land of my Nativity, and herein the King's Majeſty, and the whole Royal Family; all that are in Authority under him; all the Miniſters of thy Holy Word and Sacraments, particularly him to whoſe Overſight thou haſt committed me. Give, I pray thee, unto them all, according to thy good Pleaſure, the Bleſſings both of this Life, and that which is to come. Forget not peculiarly to ſhew Mercy to the Relations, Friends, Helpers, and Well-Wiſhers of thy Servant. Let thine Eye of Mercy be ever open upon all thy neceſſitous and ſuffering Servants; ſupport them under, and graciouſly deliver them out of all their Diſtreſſes, even for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

THY Servant will ſpeak yet once more, and beſeech thee, O Lord, who haſt made the Night for Man to reſt in, as well as the Day to labour, that this *Night* I may ſo take my bodily Reſt, that my Soul may continually

tinually watch for my Deliverance out of this mortal Life; and that my Sleep be not exceſſive, according to the inſatiate Deſires of the Fleſh, but ſufficient to relieve and maintain Nature. Let me remember thy Name *in the Night Seaſon*, and commune with mine own Heart, and ſearch out my Spirits, and compoſe them in thee, that I may riſe to ſerve thee in all ſober and godly Converſation, through the Aid and Aſſiſtance of Jeſus Chriſt our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE Bleſſing of GOD Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, be with me, and reſt upon me, and all related to me, this Night and for evermore. *Amen.*

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DIRECTIONS *how to paſs our Days* well, *and* acceptably *unto* GOD.

1. ST. BASIL exhorts to this Purpoſe: Before we do any Thing elſe, that we be careful to conſecrate the Firſt-Fruits of the Day, and the very Beginning of our holy Thoughts, unto the Service of GOD. Accordingly, let the *firſt Thing* which you do, and the *firſt Word* which you ſpeak, *every Day*, tend to this great and important End, the Worſhip and Acknowledgment of Almighty GOD; for, as good Men have obſerved, upon our *firſt Thoughts* do commonly depend the *Thoughts* and *Actions* of the *whole Day:* Therefore, when you firſt awake, you muſt admire and thankfully remember his great Goodneſs for the *laſt Night's Sleep*, who might, and deſervedly too, have ſuffered Death to ſeize on you *whilſt ſleeping*, and hurried you hence to render an Account of what you have done in the Fleſh; the Reſult of which will be, to think how (on the Suppoſal of this *dreadful* Surprize) you were prepared, and to conclude and pray:

HAppy *is that Servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh, ſhall find doing his Will.* Amen. *Be it to thy Servant according to thy Word.*

To which Meditation, prefix this holy Ejaculation.

LIghten *mine Eyes, O Lord, that I ſleep not in Death.* Amen.

And

And ſubjoin this humble Reſignation of yourſelf into *the Hands of God.*

INTO thy Hands, O Lord, I commend this Day my Soul and my Body; beſeeching thee to be ever with me, to direct, ſanctify, and govern me in the Ways of thy Laws, and in the Works of thy Commandments; that through thy moſt mighty Protection, both here and ever, I may be preſerved both in Body and Soul, to ſerve thee, the only true GOD, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *After which* preſently ariſe, and at *your Upriſing* ſay:

IN the Name of GOD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt. *Amen.* Bleſſed be GOD, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and for ever. *Amen.*

I *ariſe* from my Bed to glorify him: He of his infinite Mercy *bleſs and keep me this Day*, and for evermore. *Amen.*

I laid me down and ſlept, and roſe up again; for the Lord hath ſuſtained me.

3. At your *Apparelling*, ſay:

PUT ye on the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and make no Proviſion for the Fleſh, to fulfil the Luſts thereof. *Cloath me*, O Lord, with the *Ornaments* of thy Heavenly Grace, and *cover me* with the *Robes of Righteouſneſs*, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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4. At the *Waſhing* of your Hands, ſay:

O *Waſh* me throughly from my Wickedneſs, and *cleanſe* me from my Sins: Make me a *clean Heart*, O GOD, and renew a *right Spirit* within me, a Spirit cleaving ſtedfaſtly unto thee, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

5. After which, betake yourſelf to your *Morning Prayers*; and after them, walk a while in your *Chamber*, and bethink yourſelf of the *Buſineſſes of the following Day*, and of a prudent and conſcientious Tranſaction of them: In the Management of which, conſider what *Temptations* may probably *aſſault* you, and arm yourſelf againſt them; what Good your *Occaſions* may render you *capable of doing this Day*, and reſolve within yourſelf to do it, and to do it as *effectually* as you can. And be willing to commit *all your Affairs to GOD*, to be guided by his *Counſel*, *protected* and *provided* for by his *Care*, according to the Advice of holy *David*, *Commit thy Way unto the Lord, truſt alſo in him, and he ſhall bring it to paſs.*

6. And foraſmuch as the Apoſtle enjoins us to *pray always*; and again, to *continue in Prayer*; accordingly ſhould we follow his Injunction; not that we ſhould do nothing elſe but pray, but have our Hearts ſo inflamed with the *Love of GOD*, as to be in a continual Diſpoſition to pray; and this not only at all *ſet* and *accuſtomed Times*, but at *all Times*, and upon all *Occaſions* and *Objects* preſented, raiſe up your Soul upon the ſpiritual Wings of *Holy Meditations*, *Celeſtial Affections*, *Devout Colloquies*, and *Ejaculatory Converſes* with Heaven. Thus *Enoch* walked

with

with GOD, and was tranſlated: Thus *David* profeſſeth, *I have ſet GOD always before me, and I will give Thanks unto the Lord; his Praiſe ſhall ever be in my Mouth:* Correſpondently whereunto, you ſhould furniſh yourſelf with *Meditations* fitted to *every Day's* ordinary Actions, and ſeveral Diſpoſitions of your Soul.

When you go forth out of your *Houſe* or *Chamber*, ſay:

THE Lord preſerve my *Going out*, and *my Coming in*, from this Time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

When you ſtand upon ſome *high Place*, ſay:

THY Mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the *Heavens*, and thy Faithfulneſs unto the *Clouds*.

When you behold *pleaſant Fields*, and *Variety of Objects*, ſay:

O Lord, how manifold are thy Works! In Wiſdom haſt thou made them all: *The Earth* is full of thy Riches.

When you ſee or hear *any Thing extraordinary*, ſay:

BLESSED be the Lord GOD, even the GOD of *Iſrael*, who only doth *wondrous Things:* And bleſſed be the Name of his Majeſty for ever: And all the Earth ſhall be filled with his Majeſty. *Amen. Amen.*

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When you hear the *Clock*, or *ſee the Hour of the Day*, ſay:

OUR *Days upon Earth* are but as a *Shadow*, and we bring our *Years* to an End as a *Tale that is told*; ſo teach me to number *my Days*, that I *may apply my Heart* unto Wiſdom. *Amen.*

When you go to *read the Scriptures*, ſay:

OPEN thou mine Eyes, O Lord, that I may ſee the *wondrous Things* of thy Law. *Amen.*

When you are *ſad* or *diſcontented*, ſay:

WHY art thou ſo full of *Heavineſs*, O my Soul, and why art thou ſo *diſquieted* within me? *Put thy Truſt* in GOD; for I will yet *give him Thanks* for the Help of his Countenance.

When you *hunger* and *thirſt*, ſay:

BLESSED are they that *hunger* and *thirſt* after Righteouſneſs; for they ſhall be filled.

When you are *aſked an Alms*, being able to give, ſay:

BLESSED be GOD, who hath not only given me *Ability*, but this *Opportunity* alſo, to lay up in Store for myſelf a *good Founda-*

tion againſt the *Time to come*, that I may lay hold on *eternal Life*.

When you hear others *evil ſpoken of*, ſay:

LORD, who ſhall dwell in *thy Tabernacle?* or who ſhall reſt upon *thy holy Hill?* He that hath uſed no Deceit in his *Tongue*, nor done Evil unto his Neighbour, and hath not ſlandered his Neighbour.

Upon the Senſe of *your Sins*, and the Miſpending of *your Time*, ſay:

CALL to Remembrance, O Lord, thy *tender Mercies*, and thy *loving Kindneſs*, which have been ever of old. O remember not the *Sins and Offences of my Youth*, *nor of my riper Years*. O deal not with me after *my Sins*, neither reward me after *mine Iniquities*; but, according to thy Mercy, think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy *Goodneſs*. Amen.

7. Be careful to retire *ſome*, *Part of the Day*, into your Cloſet, and devoutly read the Meditation for the Day at the *End of this Book:* And on every *Friday*, as alſo the *Wedneſdays* and *Saturdays* in *Lent*, and *Ember-Week*, the Litany and Prayers at the *Seventeenth Page hereof*.

8. Neglect not, when Occaſion offers, to perform all Spiritual Works of Mercy, *viz.* to *inſtruct the Ignorant*, *to correct Offenders*, *to counſel the Doubtful*, *to ſuffer Injuries with Patience*, *to forgive Offences and Wrongs*, *to pray for others*. As alſo all corporal

corporal Works of Mercy, *viz.* to *feed the Hungry, and give Drink to the Thirſty; to cloath the Naked, to harbour the Stranger and Needy, to viſit the Sick, to miniſter unto Priſoners and Captives, to bury the Dead.*

9. Next to the holy Commandments, and Injunctions of the Goſpel, be diligent to obſerve the *Precepts of the Church*, viz.

" 1. To obſerve the Feſtivals and Holidays.

" 2. To keep the Faſting-Days with Devotion " and Abſtinence.

" 3. To obſerve the Eccleſiaſtical Cuſtoms and " Ceremonies eſtabliſhed; and that without Fro- " wardneſs and Contradiction.

" 4. To repair every Day, Morning and Even- " ing, unleſs there be a juſt and unfeigned Cauſe " to the Contrary, unto ſome Church or Chapel " for Publick Prayers, unto which GOD hath in " a more peculiar Manner annexed his Bleſſing, that " where two or three are gathered together in his " Name, he will be in the Midſt of them.

" 5. To receive the bleſſed Sacrament of the Bo- " dy and Blood of Chriſt with frequent Devotion, " and three Times a Year at leaſt, whereof *Eaſter* " to be always one. And for the better Preparation " thereunto, as Occaſion is, to diſburden your Con- " ſcience of thoſe Sins that may grieve you, or Scru- " ples that may trouble you, to a learned and diſ- " creet Prieſt, and from him to receive Advice, and " the Benefit of Abſolution."

10. Poſſeſs your Soul with the *Fear of GOD*, the Judge of all the Earth, who is about your Path, and labout your Bed, and ſpieth out all your Ways: And dare you ſin in his Preſence? Dare you ſo highly affront

affront him to his Face, *before whom all Things are naked and open?*

11. Before you betake yourſelf to your *Evening Prayers*, think upon all the *Day paſt*, how you have ſpent it, that is, what good or evil Actions you have done, and what bad Inclinations you have reſiſted or amended, aſking GOD Pardon for all the Offences of it.

12. As you *undreſs yourſelf*, *conſider* that the Time is coming, when you ſhall put off this *Body of Fleſh*, as you do now *the Garments which cover its Nakedneſs*; and that you may do this in *Peace*, and to your *future Happineſs*, your Soul muſt now be ſtripp'd; *and put off, concerning the former Converſation, the Old Man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful Luſts, and put on that New Man, which, after GOD, is created in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs.*

13. As you enter into your Bed, ſay:

IN the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who was *crucified upon the Croſs, and laid into his Grave* for me, I lay me down to Reſt: He bleſs me and keep me: He ſave me and raiſe me up again; and bring me at laſt unto Life eternal. *Amen.*

14. As you betake yourſelf unto Sleep, ſay:

I Will lay me down in *Peace*, and take my *Reſt*; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makeſt me to dwell in *Safety*. *Amen.* Have Mercy upon me, O Lord, *now, and at the Hour of Death. Amen.* Preſerve me while I am *waking*, defend me while I am *ſleeping*, that

that my Soul may continually watch for thee, and both Body and Soul may reſt in *thy Peace* for ever. *Amen.*

15. Should you in the *Night-Time* lie *awake*, ſay:

O Lord, thou haſt proved and viſited my Heart in the *Night-Seaſon*; thou haſt tried me: O Bleſſed Father, purge me, that thou mayeſt find no Wickedneſs in me, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, give me Grace to make Haſte, and not to prolong the Time to keep thy Commandments; that I may call my own Ways to Remembrance, and turn my Feet to thy Teſtimonies. And then, at *Midnight* will I give thee Thanks, becauſe of thy righteous Judgments, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. *Amen.*

16. In caſe you are not preſently *diſpoſed to ſleep*, devoutly repeat the *fifty-firſt Pſalm*, which to that Purpoſe you muſt be careful to get *by heart*.

Have Mercy on me, O GOD, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Brief Heads of SELF-EXAMINATION, *by way of* Articles *upon the* Ten Commandments, *to be enquired into by every Chriſtian, eſpecially on the* Friday, *or the Day immediately preceding the* Holy Sacrament.

ENTER into, and commune with thine own ſelf, *O my Soul*; judge thyſelf, that thou be not judged; condemn thyſelf, that thou be not condemned with the World; anſwer for thyſelf before GOD, and in the Preſence of his Holy Angels, *Guilty*, or *Not guilty of* tranſgreſſing *the* Firſt Commandment, *in all or any of theſe Inſtances?*

On the Firſt Commandment.

1. HAST thou at any Time *doubted* whether there be a GOD, or of his *Providence*, or his *Power*, of his *Mercy* or *Juſtice*, or any other of his *Attributes?*
2. Haſt thou neglected to *know* GOD, or to *glorify him* as GOD? Or to *love*, *fear*, *believe in*, or to *give Thanks* unto him accordingly?
3. Haſt thou *feared* Men above him, by committing Sin, to ſhun ſome outward Diſgraces or Sufferings from them?

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4. Haſt thou ſet up in thy Thoughts any Thing in *Competition* with GOD, as *Pride*, or ſome other *darling Luſt*, or *Intereſt?*
5. Haſt thou in thy proſperous Condition been *puffed up*, and *forgotten* GOD, and in Danger and Diſtreſſes *not truſted in* him, but in ſome other worldly Helps, or unlawful Means, to bring thyſelf out of them?
6. Haſt thou *heeded* too much ſuperſtitious Obſervations, or Dreams, or Fortune-Tellers, or vain Predictions of Men, ſo as to *give Credit* to them? or Lots, ſo as to *attempt the Knowledge* of ſome ſecret Thing by them?

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Second Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou *framed in thy Mind* any bodily Shape or Form of GOD, or *worſhipped* him by an *Image*, or *given* that *Honour* to Saint or Angel which is due only to himſelf?
2. Haſt thou behaved thyſelf *irreverently* in any of thy Addreſſes to him? not *kneeled* or *religiouſly bowed thyſelf* before him?

3. Haſt thou at any Time *wilfully omitted* Prayers, publick or private, and been *glad* of a Pretence to do ſo?
4. Haſt thou contented thyſelf with Coldneſs and Deadneſs, or wandring Thoughts in thy Prayers? or *drawn near* unto GOD with thy Lips, when thy Heart hath been *far* from him?
5. Haſt thou been more *careful* of the Outward Ceremonial Part of thy *Worſhip*, than of the Inward and Spiritual?

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Third Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou, in thine *ordinary Converſation*, uſed any raſh Oath, or eager Execration?
2. Haſt thou *perjured* thyſelf, or *ſworn* any Thing falſe, knowing it to be ſo?
3. Haſt thou *deſign'd to abuſe* thy Neighbour by *failing* in any Engagement, which hath been in thy Power to perform?
4. Haſt thou ſeriouſly *conſidered* and *bewailed* thy frequent and dangerous Violations of that *great and ſolemn Vow*, which thou madeſt to GOD in thy *Baptiſm?* As alſo the Breach of any other *religious and deliberate* Vows and Promiſes, made in Times of

of Adverſity, or at any other Time, unto him?

5. Haſt thou *unduly regarded*, or *irreverently treated* any of thoſe Perſons or Things, whereon the Name of GOD is called, as his Prieſts, Word, Sanctuary, *&c?*
6. Haſt thou, by a vile and wicked Life, *given Occaſion* unto others to *blaſpheme* the holy Name of GOD?

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Fourth Commandment* in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou *profaned* the Lord's Day, or any other Feaſts or Faſts of the Church, by *attending* too much on thine own Buſineſs, and not *devoting* them chiefly to holy Exerciſes, whereunto they were aſſigned?
2. Haſt thou been ſatisfy'd *in them* with the bare Uſe of Means, without any Regard to Practice?
3. Haſt thou neglected to ſhew forth *in them* thy Charity to thoſe who ſtand in Need of it?
4. Haſt thou *in them* neglected Prayer, or reading the Holy Scriptures, or receiving the Communion?

5. Haſt thou profaned the *Lord's Supper*, either, firſt, by coming to it *ignorantly*, or *without Examination*, or *without Contrition*, and *Purpoſes of new Life?* Or, ſecondly, by behaving thyſelf *irreverently* at it, without *Devotion and ſpiritual Affection?* Or, thirdly, by neglecting to keep the *Promiſes* made at it?
6. Haſt thou been *careleſs of aſſigning* ſome ſet and ſolemn Times to *humble* thyſelf for thy Sins, or of *calling thyſelf* to a *daily Account* for them, or of *acting Revenge* upon thyſelf by *Faſting*, and other Acts of *Mortification?*

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Fifth Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou *refuſed Obedience* to the lawful Commands of the King, or any in Authority under him? or *ſowed Sedition* among his People?
2. Haſt thou *grudged* his juſt *Tributes*, or *judged* and *ſpoken Evil* of him?
3. Haſt thou *grieved* or *deſpiſed* thy Spiritual Fathers, ſuch as *labour* for thy Soul?
4. Haſt thou ſought to *with-hold* from them their juſt Maintenance?

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5. Haſt thou *forſaken* thy lawful Miniſter, to *follow* factious Teachers and Conventicles?

6. Hath thy Behaviour been *ſtubborn* and *irreverent* unto, and haſt thou *deſpiſed* thy Natural Parents? either, firſt, by publiſhing their Infirmities? or, ſecondly, by *contemning* their Counſels? or, thirdly, by *murmuring* at their Government?

7. Haſt thou *neglected*, on any Occaſion, to *aſſiſt* them to thy Power, or to *offer up daily Prayers* to GOD for them?

[Art thou a *Parent*, and]

8. Haſt thou been careleſs of inſtructing thy Children betimes in the *Ways of GOD?* but, for Want of timely *Correction*, ſuffered them to run into *Cuſtoms of Sin*, or encouraged them thereto by thine own *evil Examples?*

9. Haſt thou diſcouraged them by *harſh and cruel Uſage*, and not provided for their Subſiſtence according to thine Ability?

[Art thou a *Brother* or *Siſter*, and]

10. Doſt thou want Affection towards thy *Brethren* and *Siſters?* but ſometimes harboureſt *Envyings* and *Heart-burnings* in thy Heart towards them?

[Art thou an *Huſband*, and]

11. Hath thy Behaviour been *unkind*, *froward*, and *unquiet* towards thy Wife, not bearing with her *Infirmities?*

12. Haſt thou *neglected to pray* for her, and not *endeavoured to advance* her Good, Spiritual and Temporal?

[Art thou a *Wife*, and]

13. Haſt thou ſtriven for *Rule* and *Dominion* over thy Huſband, and reſiſted his *lawful Commands*, and not *prayed* for him?

[Art thou a *Maſter*, and]

14. Haſt thou uſed thy Servants *cruelly* and *tyrannically?*

15. Haſt thou been *careleſs* of their Souls? either, firſt, by not providing them *Means for Inſtruction?* or, ſecondly, not *admoniſhing* them when they commit *Sin?* or, thirdly, not allowing them Time for *Prayer*, and the *Worſhip of GOD?*

[Art thou a *Servant*, and]

16. Haſt thou *diſobey'd* the *lawful Commands* of thy Maſter?

17. Haſt thou murmured at his *Rebukes?*

18. Haſt thou purloined his *Goods*, or careleſly waſted them?

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Sixth Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou haſten'd thy End by *wilful Intemperance* and *diſorderly Living?*

2. Doſt thou want *Bowels of Mercy* and *Compaſſion* to thy poor Neighbours, and not miniſter unto their Neceſſities?

3. Art thou guilty of Murder, ſecret or open?
4. Haſt thou wiſhed in thine Heart the Death of any of thy *Neighbours* or *Relations?*
5. Haſt thou *malign'd* and been *cauſleſly* or *ſinfully angry* with thy Neighbour? Haſt thou borne any *Hatred*, or *Malice*, or *Revenge* in thy Heart towards him?
6. Haſt thou not rejoiced in his *good Succeſs*, but envied his *Welfare?*
7. Haſt thou drawn any to *Drunkenneſs*, or other Vices, which may bring *Diſeaſes* or *Death?*
8. Haſt thou *maimed* or *hurt* the Body of thy Neighbour?
9. Haſt thou ſtirred up Men to *fighting* or *quarrelling?*
10. Haſt thou *raſhly wiſhed* thine own Death?

Guilty or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Seventh Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou *actually defiled* thy Neighbour's Wife, or thy own Body, by Adultery, Fornication, Laſciviouſneſs, Uncleanneſs, either of *Hand or Eye?*

2. Haſt thou *deliberately pleaſed* thyſelf with, and *conſented* unto any foul laſcivious Thoughts, impure Fancies and Deſires?
3. Haſt thou *delighted thyſelf* in wanton Company, in unchaſte Songs, or filthy obſcene Talking?
4. Haſt thou not *laboured to ſubdue* thy Body by Faſting, or other Severities, but rather *pampered* it to heighten thy Luſt?
5. Haſt thou *patched* or *painted* thy Face, or otherwiſe *adorned* thy Body, with a Deſign of rendering others *luſtful*, or *carnally* deſirous of thee?
6. Haſt thou been proud of thy Apparel, or beſtowed too much *Time*, *Care*, or *Coſt* about it?

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Eight Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou been *content* with that State, whatever it be, wherein thou art?
2. Haſt thou been *idle* or *negligent* in that Condition of Life, whereunto thou art called?
3. Haſt thou been *too vehement upon*, or *ſpent too much Time* at lawful Recreations? *or* been at any Time *drawn* by them to Anger or Covetouſneſs?

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4. Haſt thou not been *ſo exact in paying and dealing* with thoſe thou haſt traded with, as thou waſt able, and in Juſtice waſt bound?
5. Haſt thou in *buying* or *ſelling* uſed Arts or Deceit, or *exacted* on the Neceſſities of thy Neighbour?
6. Haſt thou by *Violence*, or *Colour of Law*, or *Cozenage*, or any other *undue Means*, taken from thy Neighbour what belonged not to thee?
7. Haſt thou kept back the Wages of the Servant and Hireling?

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Ninth Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou been forward to believe *ill Reports* of thy Neighbour?
2. Haſt thou *cauſleſly* ſuſpected, or *raſhly* judged of him?
3. Haſt thou *invented* or *ſaid any thing falſe*, that hath been injurious to his Good Name and Reputation?
4. Haſt thou falſly denied the Truth, or refuſed at any Time to bear Witneſs unto it, either out or *Fear* or *Flattery*?
5. Haſt thou *willingly given Ear* to Slanderers, Buſy-Bodies, and ſuch as go about with Lyes?

6. Haſt thou pleaſed thyſelf in *raiſing* and *whiſpering* vain and fruitleſs Lyes?
7. Haſt thou *railed* at thy Neighbour for any Injuries done to thee?
8. Haſt thou *deſpiſed*, or *ſcoffed* and *derided* him for his Infirmities.
9. Haſt thou *diſſembled*, or *dealt doubly* with him?
10. Haſt thou been deſirous to *ſeem*, and to be *reputed* greater, or better, than thou art?

Guilty, or Not guilty of *tranſgreſſing* the *Tenth Commandment*, in all or any of theſe Inſtances?

1. HAST thou at any Time *inordinately* luſted after what belongs to others?
2. Haſt thou entertained *ſecret Covetings* in thy Thoughts, with any Delight or Complacency in them?
3. Haſt thou harboured a Thought or Deſire to hurt, or *any Way* prejudice thy Neighbour?

Lord, have Mercy upon us, and incline our Hearts to keep thy Laws.

COLLECTS

COLLECTS *for particular* GRACES.

For FAITH.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whom without *Faith* it is impoſſible to pleaſe, grant me, I beſeech thee, ſo perfectly to *believe* in thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, that my *Faith* in thy Sight may never be reproved; and being called to the Knowledge of thy Grace, and *Faith* in thee, and admitted into the *Fellowſhip of Chriſt's Religion*, I may eſchew thoſe Things which are contrary to my Profeſſion, and follow all ſuch Things as are agreeable to the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For HOPE.

BLESSED Lord, who haſt cauſed all *Holy Scriptures* to be written for our Learning, grant that I may in ſuch wiſe *hear* them, *read*, *mark*, *learn*, and inwardly digeſt them, that by *Patience*, and *Comfort* of thy *Holy Word*, I may embrace, and ever hold faſt the *bleſſed Hope* of everlaſting Life, which thou haſt given us in our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; and that I may, therefore, purify myſelf, even as he is pure; that, when he ſhall appear again with

with Power and great Glory, I may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious Kingdom, where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghoſt, he liveth and reigneth, ever one GOD, World without End. *Amen.*

For the Love of God.

O GOD, who haſt prepared for them that *love Thee* ſuch good Things as paſs Man's Underſtanding, pour into my Heart ſuch *Love towards Thee*, that I, *loving Thee* above all Things, may obtain thy Promiſes, which exceed all that I can deſire, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For Charity.

O Lord, who haſt taught us, that all our Doings, *without Charity*, are nothing worth, ſend thy *Holy Ghoſt*, and pour into my Heart that moſt excellent Gift of *Charity*, the very Bond of Peace, and of all Virtues, without which whoſoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

For Chastity.

O Holy Jeſus, who waſt conceived in the Womb of a *Virgin*, I beſeech thee grant

thy Servant Grace to withſtand all Temptations of the *Fleſh*, and with a pure and clean Heart to follow thee the only GOD; even for thine own Mercies and Merits Sake. *Amen.*

For Contrition.

ALmighty and Everlaſting GOD, who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the Sins of all them that are *penitent*, create and make in me a *new* and *contrite Heart*, that I, worthily *lamenting my Sins*, and *acknowledging my Wretchedneſs*, may obtain of thee, the GOD of all Mercy, perfect *Remiſſion* and *Forgiveneſs*, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For Devotion.

MOST great GOD, who haſt not only *permitted*, but *invited* us, *needy* and *miſerable Creatures*, to preſent our *Petitions* to thee; O let me ſet a true *Value* on this moſt *invaluable Privilege*. I come unto thee, O Lord, as a *Worm* to my *Sovereign Maker*; I come as an *heinous Offender* to a *juſt* and *ſevere Judge*; let, I pray thee, mine Addreſſes in thine Houſe, be with a Reverence ſome way anſwerable to thine *awful Majeſty*: Give me an *hearty Deſire* to pray, and ſuch a *pure Intention* and *Fixedneſs of Mind* upon thee, that I may no more

more incur the Guilt of drawing near to thee with my *Lips*, when my *Heart* is far from thee; but may ſo aſk that I may receive, ſeek that I may find, knock that it may be opened unto me; that ſo, from praying to thee here, I may be tranſlated to the praiſing thee eternally in thy Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For the FEAR of GOD.

MOST Great GOD, who only art high and to be feared, O put thy *Fear* into my Heart, that I may not ſin againſt thee; let me never ſo miſplace my *Fear*, as to be *afraid* of Man, whoſe Breath is in his Noſtrils; but fill me, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy *Fear*, which is the Beginning of Wiſdom, and let it preſerve me in a perpetual Conformity to thy Will in all Things, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For CONTENTEDNESS.

O GOD, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt has promiſed to all them that ſeek thy Kingdom, and the Righteouſneſs thereof, all Things neceſſary to their bodily Suſtenance: Keep me, I beſeech thee, under the Protection of thy good Providence, and learn me, in whatſoever State I am, therewith to be *content:* Grant me Grace to forſake all *covetous Deſires*, and *inordinate Love of Riches*, and

and ſo to paſs through Things *Temporal*, that I finally loſe not the Things *Eternal*; but that, among all the ſundry and manifold Changes of the World, my Heart may ſurely there be fixed, where true Joys are to be found, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For DILIGENCE.

O Lord, who in thy holy Goſpel didſt ſentence the *ſlothful* and *unprofitable Servant* to be caſt into Outer-Darkneſs; grant that I may not ſtand here *all the Day idle*, but may give all *Diligence* to make my *Calling* and *Election* ſure: Make me in ſome Meaſure uſeful to myſelf and others, both as to *this* and a *better Life*. O let me never lay mine Eyes to Sleep, nor mine Eye-Lids to Slumber, but learn and labour to get *my own Living*, and to do my Duty in that State of Life, whereunto it hath pleaſed thee to call me, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For HUMILITY.

ALmighty GOD, who reſiſteſt the *Proud*, and giveſt Grace to the *Humble*, mercifully grant that I may follow the Example of the great Humility of thy bleſſed Son, who did *humble* himſelf to take upon him our Fleſh, and to ſuffer Death upon the Croſs: Convince me, that I am leſs than the leaſt of all thy Mercies; that as I am vile in myſelf, ſo let me be vile

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in mine own Eyes, and may therefore eſteem every Man better than myſelf. Grant this, O Father, for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

For JUSTICE.

O Thou King of *Righteouſneſs*, who loveſt *Righteouſneſs*, and art mighty to ſave, give me Grace to obtain this Love of thine, by cleanſing my Heart and Hands from all *Fraud and Injuſtice*. O grant that I may moſt ſtrictly obſerve that ſacred Rule of doing unto all Men, as I would they ſhould do unto me; that I hurt no Body by Word or Deed, but be *true and juſt* in all my Dealings; that ſo keeping *Innocency*, and taking heed unto the Thing that is *right*, I may have Peace at the laſt, even Peace with thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For MEEKNESS.

ALmighty GOD, who haſt given thine only Son, to be unto us both a *Sacrifice* for Sin, and alſo an Enſample of Godly Life, give me Grace to learn of him, who was *meek and lowly* of Heart, to put on Bowels of *Mercy*, *Meekneſs*, and *Long-Suffering*; to be ſo far from offering the leaſt Injury, that I may never *return the greateſt*: And grant, I beſeech thee, that the Courſe of this World may be ſo peaceably ordered by thy Governance, that I may joyfully ſerve thee in all *Godly Quietneſs*, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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For SINCERITY.

O Holy Lord, who ſearcheſt the Heart, and trieſt the Reins, try me, I beſeech thee, and ſeek the Ground of my Heart; purge it from all *Hypocriſy*, and ſuffer not any accurſed Thing to lurk within me: Give me Truth in the inward Parts, to be *pure in Heart*, that I may be qualify'd to ſee thee in thy Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For TEMPERANCE.

GRacious Lord, who refreſheſt us with thy good Creatures, and art the Author of all good Things which we do enjoy, give me Grace, I pray thee, to uſe them with *Thankfulneſs and Moderation*; let me never be overcharged with *Surfeiting* and *Drunkenneſs*, nor my Table be ever made a Snare unto me; but may ſo *eat* and *drink*, that my Fleſh may be ſubdued to the Spirit; and that I may ever obey thy godly Motions in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs, to thy Honour and Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For THANKFULNESS.

GRacious GOD, who haſt taught me, that it is a joyful and pleaſant Thing to be *thankful*, ſuffer me not, I beſeech thee, to loſe my Part in that Divine Pleaſure, but make me truly and unfeignedly *thankful* to thee for all thy

thy Mercies: Let thy Mercies lead me to Repentance, and give me Grace to improve them all to the Advancement of thy Glory, and the Furtherance of my Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For TRUST *in* GOD.

O GOD, who never faileſt to help and govern them whom thou doſt bring up in thy ſtedfaſt Fear and Love, grant, I pray thee, that I may *lean* only upon the *Hope* of thy heavenly Grace, and in all my Troubles put my *whole Truſt and Confidence* in thy *Mercy*, caſting all my *Care* upon thee, and being *careful for nothing*, but to keep thy Teſtimonies, and think upon thy Commandments to do them. Grant this, O Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

For PERSEVERANCE.

O Lord, raiſe up, I pray thee, thy Power, and come among us, and with great Might ſuccour me; that, whereas, through my Sins and Wickedneſs, I am ſore let and hindered in running the Race that is ſet before me, thy bountiful Grace and Mercy may help and ſtrengthen me to hold out unto the End, that ſo I may be ſaved; to be faithful unto Death, that I may receive a Crown of Life: Nouriſh me, I pray thee, with all Goodneſs; and of thy great Mercy keep me in the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A MEDI-

A MEDITATION FOR Every Day in the Week.

Monday's Meditation.

Of the End for which I was born.

MY GOD, who is not capable of any Acceſſion of Glory or Happineſs by bringing me into this World, yet hath been pleaſed to bring me out of Nothing, and give me a Being, that ſo he might make me the Object of his Love, and hath now placed me in a Condition far above all his other Creatures, except his Angels; and as all his other Creatures are ſubſervient to my Uſe, ſo hath he alſo ordained thoſe heavenly

Parts of his Creation to be miniſtring Spirits for my Protection and Advantage; and hath given me an Underſtanding, Will, and Memory; a Body vigorous, active, fit for Employment of ſeveral Kinds: But ſurely, as I did not make myſelf, nor give myſelf thoſe Endowments, ſo am I not to think, that I am made for myſelf, or to ſerve myſelf alone: No, I am told by *Solomon*, that GOD made all Things for himſelf; and if all Things, then myſelf too, who enjoy no ſmall Share of his Loving Kindneſs: And therefore, now I am not free, and at my own Appointment and Diſpoſition in the World, but am obliged to perform the Things for which I was ſent into this Habitation; and upon my moſt ſerious Recollection I am convinced, that for no other Matter, or Cauſe, or End I was born or placed here, but only to ſerve GOD in this Life, and by this Service to gain Heaven and Salvation in the Life to come. *Moſes* tells me, that we were created, that we ſhould be an holy People, to ſerve our GOD; and for this End we were redeemed, *Luke* i. 74, 75. *To ſerve GOD in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all the Days of our Life.* Since then it is thus, that the End and final Cauſe of my being in this World is to ſerve GOD, and thereby to work out my own Salvation, whatſoever Thing I do, or beſtow my Time in, which is either contrary, or impertinent, or

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not profitable to this End, though it were to gain Kingdoms, it is mere Vanity and loſt Labour, and ſuch as will turn in Time to Grief and Repentance, if I change not my Courſes; becauſe it is not the Matter for which I came into this World, nor for which I ſhall be demanded an Account, except it be to receive Judgment and Puniſhment for the ſame. Again, Seeing my main Buſineſs and Affair in this World is to ſerve my Maker, and ſave my own Soul, and that all other Creatures here are but to ſerve my Uſe to that only End, I deſire to be indifferent to all theſe Creatures, as to Riches or Poverty, to Health or Sickneſs, to Honours or Contempt; and I will endeavour to deſire ſo much or little of either of them, as GOD ſees beſt for me, for the Attainment of the ſaid End, which is the ſerving of GOD, and the Welfare of my own Soul. And now, O my Soul, I muſt take thee off from all vain and ſinful Delights, and from all immoderate Uſe of thoſe that are moſt innocent, and fix my Endeavours, and all my Actions, upon thoſe Things which may conduce to thoſe Ends, reſolving to ſpend this Day accordingly.

A Short Ejaculation for this Day.

LORD, ſince thou haſt made me a reaſonable Creature, let me not be more unreaſonable than the Beaſts, who do all according to the Rules thou haſt ſet them: Grant that I may do nothing this Day, but what may advance thy Glory, and my own Happineſs. Amen.

Tueſday's Meditation.

Of GOD's Loving Kindneſs to Man.

WHEN I conſider the Parts of my Body, or the Faculties of my Soul, I am aſtoniſhed at my own dull Heart, that I ſhould ſo ungratefully ſpend my Days, without conſidering the manifold Mercies of my GOD: How many poor Creatures do I behold, whom Nature hath rendered ridiculous by ſome Deformities, either in diſplacing, adding, or taking away ſome of their Members? or elſe by Palſies, breaking of Bones, or ſome other Diſeaſes, or ſad Accidents, have been made utterly uſeleſs when they were made? whilſt my GOD hath ſent me into the World completely built, and hath ever ſince preſerved

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me thus, without any of thoſe Blemiſhes or ſad Inconveniences, which I ſee many, that are better than myſelf, labour under: And then, my Reaſon is perfect and clear, without any Imperfections, ſerves me upon all Occaſions to contrive and manage all thoſe Affairs I am engaged in: Whereas many are ſo ſtupid and ignorant, ſo ſottiſh and fooliſh, that they little differ from the very Beaſts that tread upon the Graſs, and cannot, in any Services, be uſeful either to themſelves or others! But, beſides all theſe and the other Advantages I enjoy in common with all Chriſtians; as, my being created in the Likeneſs of nothing but himſelf, to no other End but to be his honourable Servant in this World, and his Copartner in Kingly Glory for all Eternity in the World to come, beſides the Redemption and Preſervation which I am entitled to; yet, if I do not wretchedly oppoſe his various Contrivances for my eternal Good, I have many Advantages in my Education, and in the daily Paſſages of my Life, being aſſiſted by good Books, frequent Inſtructions, conſtant Examples, and daily Devotions, which many good People have not the Opportunity of! And now I am aſhamed of my Ingratitude to ſo good, ſo great, ſo bountiful a Lord, and reſolve with myſelf, for the Time to come, to amend my Life, and my former Behaviour to him. And ſince I know there is nothing, O

Lord, which doth ſo much diſpleaſe thee, or dry up the Fountain of thy Mercy, or ſo binds thy Hands from doing Good, as doth Ingratitude in the receiving of thy Benefits, wherein I have hitherto exceeded all others; but I have done it, O Lord, in my own Ignorance, not conſidering thine infinite Gifts beſtow'd on me, or what Account thou wilt demand for the ſame; but now ſeeing thou haſt vouchſafed to make me worthy of this ſpecial Grace alſo, whereby to ſee and know my own Error, I hope hereafter, by Directions of the ſame Grace, to ſhew myſelf a better Child towards thee. O my GOD, I am vanquiſhed at length with Conſideration of thy Love; and how can I have the Heart to offend thee hereafter, ſeeing thou haſt preſerved me ſo many Ways with Benefits? Can I have Hands to lift up againſt thee, who haſt given up thine own Hands to be nailed upon the Croſs for me? No, I truſt not to return to ſuch Iniquity for the Time to come: To which, I beſeech thee, for thy Mercies Sake, from thy holy Throne of Heaven to ſay, *Amen.*

The Ejaculation for this Day.

LORD, *as thy Mercies do ſurround me, ſo grant, that my Returns of Duty may abound; and let me this Day manifeſt my Gratitude, by doing ſomething well-pleaſing unto thee.* Amen.

Wedneſday's Meditation.

Of Sin.

WHEN I reflect upon the Diſpleaſure which GOD hath to Sin, to be ſo great that he hates all thoſe that work Iniquity; that both the wicked Man and his Wickedneſs are hateful in his Sight; and, finally, that the whole Life of Sinners, their Thoughts, Words, yea, and their good Actions alſo, are Abominations unto him, whilſt they live in Sin; and that, which is yet more, he cannnot abide nor permit the Sinner to praiſe him, or to name his Teſtimonies with his Mouth, as the Holy Ghoſt teſtifieth: When I conſider all this, I cannot but tremble with Fear, leſt I ſhould be one of that Number, having *careleſly* and *vainly*, and in many Things *ſinfully*, paſſed away my Days and Years, without ſo much as a ſerious Enquiry into my own Life, or how I might give an Account to my GOD: And when he hath called unto me and invited me by any of his gracious Methods to Good, I have rather yielded to the vain and ſinful Complaiſances of my tempting Companions, and have too often choſen to hearken to, and follow them in their alluring Cuſtoms, than

to yield myſelf to his heavenly Will, and the Invitations of his Holy Spirit: Nay, ſince I have more ſolemnly dedicated myſelf to his Service, and have had the Paths of Piety ſmoothed and made plain for me to walk in with Eaſe and Delight, and have had a Guide to inſtruct me in the Ways of his Commandments; yet I ſtill feel a Coldneſs in my beſt Performances, and my Heart is even ready to retreat from holy Duties, and willing again to withdraw me into the cuſtomary Paths of this fooliſh World; and my treacherous Soul is ready to argue on their Side, to defend, and preſently to excuſe its Ways, by ſaying, Pride is a Point of Gentry; and having a juſt Eſteem of myſelf, that Gluttony and Pampering my Fleſh is a warrantable Enjoyment of the Creatures; that Anger and Revenge are both Effects of a noble Mind, that muſt not tamely put up Affronts or Diſreſpects; that Laſciviouſneſs is but a Trick of Youth; that the immoderate and expenſive Artifices of Cloathing, Waſhing, Patching, and Adorning, about which ſo much Time is frequently ſpent, are only the innocent ſetting-off that Beauty and comely Feature, which, they ſay, was purpoſely beſtowed by GOD to be ſet out to the beſt Advantage for Admiration and Delight. Thus I am enſnared, by the bewitching Example of others, to betray my own Reaſon, ſo as to have too kind Thoughts of

all Vices and Fooleries of Mankind: I ſhall one Day find that ſuch pleaſant Devices and Dreams will be turned into Tears, and ſuch fond Conceits into doleful Lamentations; for I know GOD will not be jeſted with; and that he is the ſame GOD ſtill, and will aſk as ſevere an Account of me, as he hath done of others before. Therefore, my Soul, I will drive out of my Heart all vain and fooliſh Complaiſance in any Thing that may withdraw me from my Duty, or engage me into Sin; and I will, by GOD's Aſſiſtance, ſpend my remaining Days ſo carefully, as not willingly to commit any Thing I know to be a Sin, or do any Action that I think may offend my GOD.

The Ejaculation for this Day.

O *Lord, let me not this Day add to the Heap of Sins which I ſtand guilty of, but give me Grace to paſs it innocently, that neither in Thought, Word, or Deed, any Offence may pollute my Soul.* Amen.

Thurſday's Meditation.

Of Death.

I Do now appear before my GOD a living Object of his Favour; but how ſoon the Scene may change, and I go hence, is not yet diſcovered to me; poſſibly this very Day may be the laſt that I ſhall ever count, and the ſame Earth, which I do now ſo negligently tread, may ſpeedily receive me into her cold Embraces: Nor is the Way by which I ſhall paſs from hence leſs uncertain than the Time; for I cannot recount how many Ways I may fall into thoſe Hands of my Eternal Judge, whereof St. *Paul* conceives great Horror in only thinking. One little Stone falling from the Houſe-Top as I paſs by, one Slip of my Horſe, or Fall of my Coach, as I ride, one ſudden Miſchance of a Million that may befal me, is able to bereave me of this Life, and caſt me into that Everlaſtingneſs, out of which the whole World ſhall not be able to deliver me. And if I could triumph over all theſe ſad Accidents, and had Aſſurance that nothing of Miſhap ſhould befal me, to hurry me to my Grave, yet I have a War within me, a Seed-Plant of Corruption, which will at length by

by Degrees eat out my Juice and Marrow, and certainly return me to that Duſt from whence I took my Being: All thoſe Friends and Relations who profeſs ſo much Kindneſs, and are my Companions in my Merriment, will endeavour to avoid the Sight of me, and leave me a pale Carcaſs to be ſacrificed to the gaping Grave, and think no more of me, than I am uſed to do of thoſe I now ſurvive. Poſſibly, ſome one or other of my deareſt Friends may paſſionately follow my Hearſe, and mix ſome Days and Nights with Tears for my Departure: But, alas! when the black Attire of the Funeral is over, and all my Acquaintance diſmiſſed to their ſeveral Houſes, I am lodged in a Condition uncapable of Alteration; my Body falls to Duſt, and is mingled with its own Ruins; but my Soul, appears before the Tribunal of that ſtrict Enquiry that leaves no Circumſtance unſearch'd, but takes Cognizance of all the Paſſages of my Life; and accordingly I am diſmiſſed into an endleſs Condition of Happineſs or Woe; and this Condition I muſt undoubtedly one Time or other arrive at, through the Gate of Death. O then, let me daily, nay, hourly, provide for that Paſſage! I will, by frequent Meditation of my Death, ſuppreſs all Growth of Sin in me; I will think of the cold Sweat of Death, and by that allay all Heat of wanton Thoughts; I will think how meanly clad I

ſhall enter into my Coffin, only a Shrowd, and other Dreſſes fitted to cover me from Indecency; and this Thought ſhall keep me from Complacency in rich Attire and haughty Deckings: I will think how pale and wan, and loathſome I ſhall appear; and by that Thought I will ſubdue and mortify thoſe pleaſing Conceits I am too apt to entertain: I will contrive the ſpending of my Days, ſo as every Day may ſomething advance my Preparation for a bleſſed Sentence.

The Ejaculation for this Day.

O *Lord, deliver me from the Corruption of my own Life, that ſo, when I die, my Corruptible may put on Incorruption; and let me this Day do ſomething that may promote my comfortable Departure out of this Life.* Amen.

Friday's Meditation.

Of Judgment.

AS ſoon as I have bid Adieu to the World, and am arreſted by the cold Hands of Death, I muſt appear before my Judge, ſtript of all my Ornaments, and forſaken of all my

my Companions: The Book which ſhall be opened, and whereby my Cauſe muſt be diſcerned, ſhall be the Evidence of my Deeds and Actions in this Life, recorded in the Teſtimony of my own Conſcience, and in the infallible Memory of GOD's unſearchable Wiſdom; ſo that this Account will be moſt exact and exquiſite, not omitting the leaſt Error or Offence that I have committed or paſſed in all my Life; and then my particular Reward or Puniſhment will be aſſign'd to my own ſelf, conformable to the Quality of this Account, wherein Sentence of Life or Death is to be pronounced accordingly, and that without ever being recalled. But, beſides this, there will be another Day of my Appearance too, when all the World ſhall appear at the ſame general Seſſions; and then my Body ſhall riſe with me again, to partake with me either in Joy or Torment, according as it hath been inſtrumental in my good or bad Actions, and as it hath acted in thoſe Virtues or Vices which my Soul did exerciſe; and there my Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who was contemptible in this World, and diſhonoured publickly, and put to Confuſion, with the reſt of his Saints and Martyrs, in the Sight of all Men, ſhall then ſhew his Power and Majeſty in the Sight of all his Creatures together, but eſpecially of all his wicked Enemies; who, after that Day, are never to ſee nor behold him more. And

then too my own Happineſs or Miſery will have its full Completion, and receive all the Degrees which it is capable of: For Men, when they die, do not commonly carry with them all that Good or Evil which they have wrought, having left behind them divers Things which may increaſe their good or ill-deſerving after their Death; as, their Examples, their Inſtructions given to others, their temporal Faculties, or Abilities, their Books, Preachings, Exhortations, and other like Means, whereby Good or Evil may proceed after their Departure, the Reward whereof cannot ſo continently be aſſign'd to them; for that their Joy and Puniſhment, in the Places where they are, may daily be augmented by the Hurt or Good that may be wrought in this World by the Means they left behind them. So it is believed by divers, that the Glory of St. *Paul* is increaſed daily in Heaven, and ſhall be unto the World's End, by reaſon of them who do daily profit by his Writings, and raiſe Examples of good Life upon the Earth: As alſo, on the contrary Part, that the Torments of Hereticks are continually augmented by the Number of them who are from Time to Time corrupted by their ſeditious and peſtilent Writings: The like they hold of diſſolute Poets, and other looſe Writers, who have left behind them laſcivious, wanton, and carnal Poems; as alſo of negligent Parents, Maſters,

Maſters, or Teachers, who, by their Careleſneſs and evil Examples, give Occaſion to corrupt their Children, Scholars, or Servants, committed to their Government and Inſtructions. But after this general Day of Judgment once paſt, there ſhall be no more Place of pretending upon Earth, to either Good or Evil; for that the World there and then ſhall have an End, and final Sentence be pronounced of whatſoever hath paſſed from the firſt Foundation and Eſtabliſhment thereof. And is it thus, O my Soul, that I muſt one Day undergo ſo ſtrict a Scrutiny, that I cannot avoid ſuch final Inquiſition? I will ſurely then, clearing and caſting up all Accounts and Reckonings of my Traffick and Stewardſhip in this worldly Pilgrimage, according to the Advice of my GOD, have a careful, a continual Remembrance and Conſideration of it, as of the greateſt and moſt important Buſineſs that ever I ſhall deal in; and I will look upon it as the moſt forcible Means to reſtrain me from Sin, that poſſibly may be, amongſt frail Men in this Life. Good GOD! what a wonderful Meeting will this be? How joyful to the Good? and how lamentably doleful and terrible to the Wicked? The Godly and Righteous, being to receive their Bodies wherein they lived into the League and Fellowſhip of their eternal Bliſs, ſhall embrace them with all poſſible Sweetneſs and Delight: But the miſerable

ſerable damned Spirits, beholding the Carcaſſes which were the Inſtruments and Occaſion of their Sin, and when well-knowing that their unſpeakable Torment ſhall be increaſed by their mutual Conjunction and Aſſociation, ſhall abhor and deteſt the ſame, and curſe the Day that ever they were acquainted. And can I now think fit any longer to delay my Preparation for this terrible Day? I will now enter into a true Judgment of myſelf, my Life, State, and Actions, that ſo I may prevent the Danger of that Day: I will prepare myſelf, and accept of that good Counſel of my Jeſus, and watch for that Day, that ſo I may be able to ſtand in that fiery Trial: And my bleſſed Lord give me his Grace to look better about me than ever yet I have done. *Amen.*

The Ejaculation for this Day.

MY GOD, *the Apoſtle tells me, that if I will judge myſelf, I ſhall not be judged of the Lord. O aſſiſt me with thy Holy Spirit, to ranſack my polluted Heart, that I may this Day find out and forſake whatſoever thou abhorreſt, that ſo I may meet my Saviour at that great Day of Judgment with a pure and penitent Heart.* Amen.

Saturday's

Saturday's Meditation.

Of Hell, *and the Condition of thoſe that are doomed to it.*

I AM ſurpriſed with Horror and Amazement, when I do but reflect upon this Place; and am no leſs aſtoniſhed to conſider what GOD hath revealed to us in the Scripture, touching the dreadful Circumſtances of Helliſh Puniſhments; and yet to ſee how little the wicked Men of this World do fear, and, indeed, how little I myſelf have regarded them: I have not ſuffered the Dread of Hell to dwell upon my Spirits, leſt it ſhould prove too great an Allay and Hindrance to my Pleaſures and earthly Contentments: But I am well aſſured, that this is the only Time wherein I may avoid all; now is the Seaſon when I may put myſelf out of Danger of all thoſe terrible Manſions; and therefore this very Day I will reſolve to fix them in my Thoughts, for I know not what will become of me Tomorrow; it may be, my Heart will then be as hard and as careleſs of all theſe Affairs, as it hath been heretofore. Beſides, I know that it cannot be very long before I muſt be judged; and

and that the Pains are intolerable, and yet eternal, which do attend and expect the Wicked. I confeſs them moſt unfortunate and miſerable, who, for Pleaſure, or the Conveniencies of this World, are fallen into them: What then ſhould hinder me to diſcharge myſelf of all Impediments, and break violently from the Charms of this wicked World, which hinder me from ſuch juſt and zealous Reſolution? Why ſhould I ſleep one Night, ſeeing this Night may chance to be my laſt? I know, if I come there with a Guilt upon my Soul, any Sin unrepented of, I muſt ſtand to that which is paſt, and according to my former Demeanour muſt receive my Doom: I ſhall behold a Judge there, whoſe Face I cannot avoid, whoſe Wiſdom I cannot deceive, whoſe Equity I cannot bow, whoſe Severity I cannot mollify, whoſe Indignation I cannot appeaſe, whoſe Determination I cannot alter, and from whoſe Sentence I cannot poſſibly appeal. Alas! what will all thoſe delicate People do at that Inſtant, who live now in Eaſe and Pleaſure, and can take no Pains in the Service of GOD, nor abide to hear the naming of that Day? What Shift, I ſay, will they find out in their Extremities? Whither will they turn themſelves? Whoſe Help will they implore? They ſhall ſee all Things cry for Vengeance round about them, all Things yielding them Cauſe of Fear and Horror, but nothing any Spark of Hope

Hope or Conſolation: Above them, they ſhall behold the Judge offended with their Wickedneſs; beneath them, Hell opened, and the cruel Furnace ready prepared to receive them to Torment: On the Right Hand ſhall be their Sins accuſing them; on their Left the Devils ready to execute GOD's eternal Sentence upon them: Within them ſhall lie their own Conſciences gnawing; without them all damned Souls bewailing; and on every Side the whole World burning: And whilſt the Saved are rejoicing, and ſinging Praiſes to their Saviour, the Damned will be blaſpheming and curſing the Day of their Nativity. Conſider the intolerable Upbraiding of thoſe moſt inſolent infernal Spirits againſt the miſerable condemned Souls which are delivered up to their Prey! With how bitter Scoffs and Taunts will they drag them to their Torments? Conſider the eternal Separation that muſt then be made of Fathers and Children, Mothers and Daughters, Friends and Companions! the one to Glory, the other to Miſery, without any Hope ever to ſee or hear, any more, the one the other! And that which will be as great a Grief as any of the reſt, the Son or Daughter, going to Reſt or Joy, ſhall not take Pity of their own Parents or Friends that are carried to Calamity, but rather ſhall rejoice thereat; for that it redoundeth to the Glory of GOD, for the Execution of his Juſtice! O my Soul,

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who art now conſidering of theſe Things afar off, and then ſhalt be actually preſent to ſee before thine Eyes, what a doleful Separation will that be! What a Parting! O let me think ſeriouſly, where will all my Delights, Recreations, and Vanities, be at that Day? all mine and my Parents Pleaſures and Paſtimes? and our Pride and Bravery in Apparel? our glittering in Gold, and ſweet Savours and Perfumes? our Honours and Adorations of Cap and Knee? our Adulations of Flatterers, our delicate Fare and dainty Diſhes? our wanton Dalliances and pleaſant Entertainments? Where are all our Friends and merry Companions, accuſtomed to laugh and diſport the Time with us? Are all now gone? O Vanity of Vanities! when we have moſt Need of them, they are fartheſt from us, and the Remembrance of them ſhall do nothing but torment us. O how ſour will the Pleaſures paſt of the World ſeem at that Day! How doleful will the Cogitations thereof be unto us! How frivolous a Thing all the Delights, Dignities, Riches, Offices, and other Preferments, wherein we take ſuch exceſſive Satisfaction now, and do weary our Spirits for gaining the ſame! And, on the contrary Side, how joyful will that Perſon be at that Inſtant, who hath attended to lead a virtuous Life, in reſiſting of Sin, and doing good Works, albeit it were with much Pain and Contempt in the World! Moſt happy Creature

ture ſhall he or ſhe be, that ever they were born; and overwhelmed with Joy, that ever they walked the Paths of Religion; and no Tongue but GOD's can expreſs the Happineſs: And this, by GOD's Grace, ſhall be the Buſineſs of my remaining Days.

The Ejaculation for this Day.

HOLY *Father, ſeaſon my Soul with ſuch a Dread of eternal Torments, that no Temptation may ſo bewitch me, as to commit any Thing that may bring me in Danger of them; and let me this Day order my Steps ſo vigilantly, that I may contract no Stain which may occaſion thy Diſpleaſure towards me, for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake.* Amen.

Sunday's Meditation.

Of HEAVEN, *and the Joys of that Place.*

IF a poor afflicted Man, who was out of his Way, wandering alone in a deep, miry, dirty Lane, in the Midſt of a dark and tempeſtuous Night, far from Company, deſtitute of Money, beaten with Rain, terrified with Thunder, ſtiff with Cold, wearied out with

with Labour, almoſt famiſhed with Hunger and Thirſt, and near brought to Deſpair, with a Multitude of other Miſeries, ſhould, upon the ſudden, in the Twinkling of an Eye, be taken out of that Affliction, and be placed in a goodly, large, and rich Palace, furniſhed with all Kind of clear Lights, comfortable Fires, ſweet Savours, dainty Meats, ſoft Beds, pleaſant Muſick, delicate Apparel, and honourable Company; all prepared for him alone, and all to attend his Coming, to receive and embrace him, to ſerve and honour him, and to crown and appoint him King for ever: What would this poor Man do? How would he look? Certainly his Heart would be raviſhed with that ſudden and exceeding Greatneſs of ſo ineſtimable a Comfort! Yet ſo ſhall it be, and much more, with thoſe happy Souls that come to Heaven from the Troubles of this Life; for never was a cool Shade ſo pleaſant in a hot Summer's Day, nor a Well-Spring to the poor Traveller in his greateſt Thirſt of the *Summer*, nor the Repoſe of an eaſy Bed to a wearied Servant after his Labour at Night, as ſhall the Reſt of Heaven be to a wearied Soul that comes thither. St. *Paul* tell us, *That we ſhall ſee GOD Face to Face*; St. *John* tell us, *That we ſhall ſee GOD as he is:* Both the Apoſtles intimating, that all Happineſs is comprized in that. And the Reaſon of all this is, becauſe all the Pleaſures,

Delights,

Delights, and Contentments of this World, wherein mortal Men do ſolace themſelves, being nothing elſe but little Portions of GOD's incomprehenſible Felicity; the ſame are contained, and much more perfectly, in GOD himſelf, from whom they are derived; ſo that they are in their own Nature imperfect unto Men: But now, in ſeeing GOD, we ſhall ſee all the Goodneſs and Perfection of worldly Things compacted and united together, and preſented unto us all at once: And then this Fleſh of ours, that now is ſo cumberſome and grievous to the Mind, that now is depreſſed with ſo many Inconveniencies, ſubject to ſo many Mutations, vexed with ſo many Diſeaſes, defiled with ſo many Corruptions, incompaſſed with ſo many Miſeries and Calamities, ſhall then be made glorious and moſt perfect, to endure for ever, without Change or Mutation, and to reign thus, with our Souls, everlaſtingly. O what a joyful Day will that be to thee, having lived in the Fear of God, and having now atchieved in his Service the End of thy Pilgrimage! Thou ſhalt come, at thy Death, to paſs from Miſery and Labour to Life and Immortality: And in that Paſſage, when others begin to fear, thou ſhalt lift up thy Head in Hope: What a Day of Joy ſhall that be unto thee, when thy Soul, ſlipping out of Priſon, and conducted by the Angels into the

the Tabernacle of Heaven, ſhall be received there with the honourable Company and Troops of that Place, with all thoſe bleſſed Spirits, with Cherubims and Seraphims, Patriarchs, Prophets, Martyrs, Virgins, Innocents, Confeſſors, holy Biſhops, and other Saints of GOD! All which, as they did rejoice at thy Converſion from Sin, ſo ſhall they triumph now at thy Coronation and Glorification! What Joy will thy Soul receive at that Day, when ſhe ſhall be preſented by her good Angel into the Preſence of all thoſe princely States, before the Seat and Majeſty of the bleſſed Trinity? What Recital and Declaration of all thy good Works done, and Troubles ſuffer'd, for the Love and Service of GOD Almighty? When, I ſay, theſe bleſſed Spirits ſhall lay down, in all that honourable Conſiſtory, all thy virtuous Acts, with their Particularities, all thy Alms-Deeds, all thy Prayers, all thy Faſting, all thy Innocence of Life, all thy Patience in bearing Injuries, all thy Conſtancy and Induſtry, all thy Temperance in Meats and Drinks, all the Virtue of thy whole Life? When all, I ſay, ſhall be recounted there, all commended, all rewarded, ſhalt not thou now ſee the Value and Profits of holy Living? Shalt not thou now confeſs, from the Bottom of thy Heart, that gainful and honourable is the Service of GOD? Shalt not thou

thou now be moſt joyful, and bleſs the Hour ten thouſand Times, when thou firſt reſolvedſt to leave the Slavery of this miſerable World, to ſerve only ſo bountiful a Lord? Shalt not thou now think thyſelf beholden moſt deeply to him or her who perſuaded thee firſt to make this Reſolution? But yet, more than this, when thou ſhalt look round about thee, and ſee what a Port and Haven of Security thou art arrived at, and ſhalt caſt back thine Eyes upon thoſe Dangers thou haſt paſſed, and wherein other Men are in Hazard, thy Cauſe of Joy ſhall greatly be increaſed. For thou ſhalt ſee now evidently, what numberleſs Times thou waſt in Peril of Periſhing in thy Earthly Pilgrimage, if GOD had not held his ſpecial Hand over thee: Thou ſhalt now ſee the Danger wherein other Men are, the Death and Damnation whereinto ſo many of thy Friends and Acquaintance have fallen; the eternal Pains of Hell incurred by ſundry, that uſed to laugh and be merry with thee: All which ſhall augment thy Felicity of this ſo fortunate a Lot. And now, for thyſelf, thou mayſt be ſecure; thou art out of all Dangers for ever: There is now no more Need, or Fear, or Labour, or Care: Thy only Exerciſe will be now to rejoice, to triumph, to ſing Hallelujahs to the Lamb that hath brought thee to this Felicity, and will

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continue thee there for ever and ever. Moreover, thy Happineſs will be much advanced, by meeting with all thy Godly Friends in Heaven; with Father and Mother, with Brethren and Siſters, with Kindred and Relations, Familiars and Acquaintance; where mutual Embraces and Welcomings will ſtill increaſe the Joy. Add to this, the moſt triumphant Exultation that ſhall daily be at the freſh Arrival of new Brethren and Siſters coming thither, from Time to Time, with the Spoils of their Enemies, vanquiſhed and conquered in this World. O what a comfortable Sight will it be, to ſee thoſe Heavenly Manſions filled every Day with Men and Women, to ſee the Crown of Glory ſet upon their Heads, and that in all Varieties, according to the infinite Variety of their Combats and Conqueſts; one for Martyrdom and Confeſſion againſt the Perſecutor; another for Virginity and Chaſtity againſt the Fleſh; another for Humility and Poverty againſt the World; another for many Conqueſts together againſt the Devil! And now, my Soul, thou haſt been ſhewed a faint Draught of Heaven; and ſure thou canſt not but, from this dull Proſpect, long, deſire, and even pant to gain a little of it: But there is no other Way ever to arrive there, there is no Hope to be crowned with this Wreath

Wreath of Glory, but by a virtuous and holy Life, by keeping of GOD's Commandments: *For it is not every one that ſaith, Lord, Lord, ſhall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but they that ſhall do the Will of the eternal Father of Chriſt, who is in Heaven.* And I am well aſſured, that whatſoever hath been the Subject of this Week's Meditation, either of my Creator or Creation, of my particular End, or of the Majeſty, and Bounty, and Juſtice of my GOD and Saviour; as alſo of the Account that he will one Day demand of me, and of the Puniſhments and Rewards laid up for me in the Life to come: All this, I ſay, hath been to bring me to a true Senſe and Apprehenſion of my poor Soul, and to engage me to a virtuous and holy Life here, and ſo to guide me to inexpreſſible Joy hereafter. The Lord GOD of Heaven give me Grace to make uſe of all to thoſe bleſſed Ends. *Amen.*

The Ejaculation for this Day.

LORD, fix my Heart ſo firmly on thy everlaſting Joys, that nothing in this World may ever hinder my Purſuit of them; and let this Day's Performances ſome Ways advance my Aſſurance of them; that ſo, when I return to my Earth, I may lie down in ſure and certain

tain Hopes to be tranſplanted into thoſe Manſions where all Tears ſhall be wiped from mine Eyes, and live eternally with my Saviour JESUS. Amen, Amen.

Glory be to GOD on High.

FINIS.